

The Effect of Educational Games on Students' Learning Achievement: a Meta-Analysis



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Part 1: Research Introduction on Educational Games



- ◆ Computer-assisted learning having been proven to be an effective tool;
- ◆ In recent years, educational games (EG) are the hot subject;
- ◆ However, experimental results reported are different completely.

Part 1: Research Introduction on Educational Games



- Some experimental research prove that EG has a positive effect on students' learning achievement (*Marina, 2009; Smith et al., 2013; Chang et al., 2015*) ;
- But, Some experimental research get opposite results(*Sarah, 2006; Ferguson. 2014*);
- Also, some experimental research prove that EG has no effect on students' learning achievement(*Guttorm et al., 2009; Sadiq, 2010; Bakker et al., 2016*).

Part 2: Research Question on Educational Games



- Does EG impact students' learning achievement at school, compared to students' learning achievement without EG? If so, to what extent?
- What study features moderate the effects of EG on students' learning achievement?
- What are the optimal conditions for effective learning with EG in terms of students' learning achievement?

Part 3: Research Methodology



- Research Method

Meta-analysis method

Set SMD(standardized mean difference) as effect value

- Literature Search

Select ERIC, Science Direct, ProQuest as data source

571 articles and 61 dissertations

Part 3: Research Methodology



- Exclusion Criteria
 - a. test the effect of EG on students' learning;
 - b. use experimental or quasi-experimental design;
 - c. participants only include students;
 - d. report enough information to calculate SMD.
- Retain 48 effective samples finally, including 43 papers, 5 dissertations.

Part 3: Research Methodology



- Coding study

Grade is coded as “Primary”, “Middle”, “College”

Discipline is coded as “Math”, “Computer”, “Science;”, “English”, “Biology”,
“Geography”, “His&Soc”, “Phy&Chem”, “Other”.

- Data Analysis

Comprehensive Meta-analysis Software 2.0

Part4: Research Results



EG has a positive effect on students' learning achievement, and the effect size is 0.560.

Model	Point Estimate	95% Confidence Interval		Heterogeneity
		Lower limit	Upper limit	
Fixed	0.579***	0.554	0.639	712.373***
Random	0.560***	0.402	0.718	

Part4: Research Results



The effect of EG on students' learning achievement has not significant differences in different student grade.

Grade	Point Estimate	95% Confidence Interval		Heterogeneity (Q_{BET})
		Lower limit	Upper limit	
Primary	0.512***	0.396	0.628	$Q_{BET}=3.400$ ($p=0.184$)
Middle	0.618***	0.570	0.666	
College	0.542***	0.403	0.680	

Part4: Research Results



Discipline	Point Estimate	95% Confidence Interval		Heterogeneity (Q_{BET})
		Lower limit	Upper limit	
Math	0.135**	0.035	0.236	$Q_{BET}=163.143$ ($p<0.001$)
English	0.645***	0.497	0.893	
Computer	0.695***	0.497	0.893	
Biology	0.460***	0.354	0.566	
Science	0.793***	0.731	0.855	
Geography	0.331**	0.075	0.587	
His&Soc	0.609***	0.353	0.865	
Phy&Chem	0.463**	0.083	0.842	
Other	1.882***	1.435	2.328	

The effect of EG on students' learning achievement has significant differences in different student discipline.



The End

Thank you

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