

Dissertation evaluation

Title of dissertation: Study of cooperative learning as a tool /strategy to address the SEN of students in mainstream classrooms of primary inclusive schools

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Outstanding piece of work! The dissertation is logically structured into six chapters, bibliography and appendices. You demonstrate the ability to critically analyze relevant literature. Moreover you seem to be independent and self-confident in learning through research-based activity.

The aim of research - to explore cooperative learning as a teaching method to address the SEN of students with dyslexia in the mainstream classroom – was successfully reached.

The methodology selected in order to meet the aim of the dissertation - the combination of interviews with class teachers of students 9-10 and 11-12 years and SENCO of the selected schools (four inclusive primary schools and two primary special schools in the Czech Republic and the Netherlands), observation and data analysis – was well considered.

Chapter four displays your ability to analyze the data. The observed phenomena are very well illustrated by the quotations of teachers and SENCOs from both countries. You also demonstrate the ability of synthesizing the information gained during the research. The similarities and differences in terms of use of cooperative learning in schools between the Czech Republic and Netherlands are well demonstrated in table 3 (p. 68-69).

Chapter five is a solid display of your ability to evaluate the research results on the background of critically reviewed literature.

You have reached justified conclusions and recommendations and demonstrated their significance for future practice.

The suggestions for questions to be answered at the viva are the following:

- Do you agree with the research results from interviewing teachers in the Czech Republic that the use of cooperative learning depends upon the subject and the topic? Justify your answer.
- What is the role of a teacher in cooperative learning?

I recommend the dissertation to be accepted to the viva.

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