

IMPROVING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN A BEAUTIFUL ENVIRONMENT AT AL-AZHAR MEDAN'S LEADING HIGH SCHOOL

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Abstract

The problem that will be studied in this journal is the influence of the beautiful environment in Al-Azhar Medan's Top High School. The approach used in this journal is a qualitative research approach by filling out a questionnaire from active students of Al-Azhar Medan High School. The number of participants in this study was 37 students. The purpose of this study was to determine the influence of the beautiful environment on learning at Al-Azhar Medan High School. This study will prove whether a beautiful school environment will affect learning and how beautiful Al-Azhar Medan High School is.

Keywords: *Influence of beautiful environment, Students.*

INTRODUCTION

Education is a fundamental aspect of national development, as it produces high-quality, character-driven human resources capable of global competitiveness. The educational process is influenced not only by the curriculum, learning, and quality of teaching staff, but also by the environmental conditions in which the learning takes place. A conducive environment will support a comfortable and productive learning atmosphere, while an unsupportive environment can actually hinder learning enthusiasm, reduce motivation, and even negatively impact students' physical and psychological health. Therefore, attention to the school environment is an integral part of efforts to improve the quality of education. A beautiful environment generally refers to a clean, green, orderly, and comfortable environment. A beautiful school environment is usually characterized by the presence of shady trees, well-maintained gardens, clean air, and well-maintained infrastructure. This type of environment not only serves as an aesthetic enhancer but also provides tangible benefits for students' health, psychology, and learning process. Previous studies have shown that interacting with a green environment can reduce stress levels, improve focus and concentration, and promote a more positive mood. For students, this is especially important, given that the increasing academic load often leads to mental and emotional stress.

Beyond psychological benefits, a beautiful environment also influences student character development. Through habits such as maintaining classroom cleanliness, caring for school plants, and properly managing waste, students can be trained to develop a sense of responsibility, discipline, social awareness, and environmental stewardship. These traits align with the goals of national education, which emphasize the importance of developing individuals with both knowledge and noble character. Thus, a beautiful school environment serves the dual purpose of supporting academic achievement and fostering student personality development. Furthermore, a beautiful environment is also closely linked to students' physical health. Clean air, a litter-free environment, and the availability of green open spaces can reduce the risk of diseases transmitted through a dirty environment, such as respiratory infections, allergies, and skin conditions. A healthy body ultimately supports students' resilience in learning and other school activities. In other words, a beautiful environment plays a preventive role in maintaining student health.

Unfortunately, this ideal situation has not yet been fully realized in many schools. These schools still have poorly organized environments, few trees, and little attention to environmental cleanliness. Some schools focus solely on academic aspects without balancing this with a supportive physical environment. Yet, awareness of the importance of a healthy and comfortable environment is one indicator of achieving holistic education. This lack of attention to this aspect has created a research gap: there are still few comprehensive studies specifically addressing the relationship between a beautiful environment and student motivation, academic achievement, mental health, and

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character development. Based on this background, research on the impact of a beautiful environment on students is very important to conduct. This research is expected to provide a deeper understanding of how a clean, green, and comfortable school environment can affect the quality of student learning from various aspects. The research findings will not only be useful for schools in designing environmental management policies, but can also provide input for the government and community in supporting the creation of an environmentally friendly education system that is oriented towards student welfare. With collective awareness of the importance of a beautiful environment, it is hoped that school conditions will be created that are able to integrate academic aspects with environmental aspects harmoniously, so that national education goals can be optimally achieved.

Research methods

This research uses a quantitative approach with a descriptive type of research. It is called a quantitative approach because the data used is in the form of numbers (questionnaire scoring results). This research is descriptive research because its purpose is only to describe or illustrate without testing hypotheses. The study was conducted from July to August 2025. The data collection method used in collecting data was a questionnaire. This questionnaire was chosen to determine respondents' opinions, perceptions, or responses to the variables studied. The scores fulfilled in each descriptor on the checklist sheet were then analyzed using percentage techniques.

TypeStudy

The type of research used in this journal is quantitative. This study provides us with more detailed data on the influence of a comfortable environment on learning at Al-Azhar High School in Medan. This influence can influence a student's learning level or grades.

Population and Sample

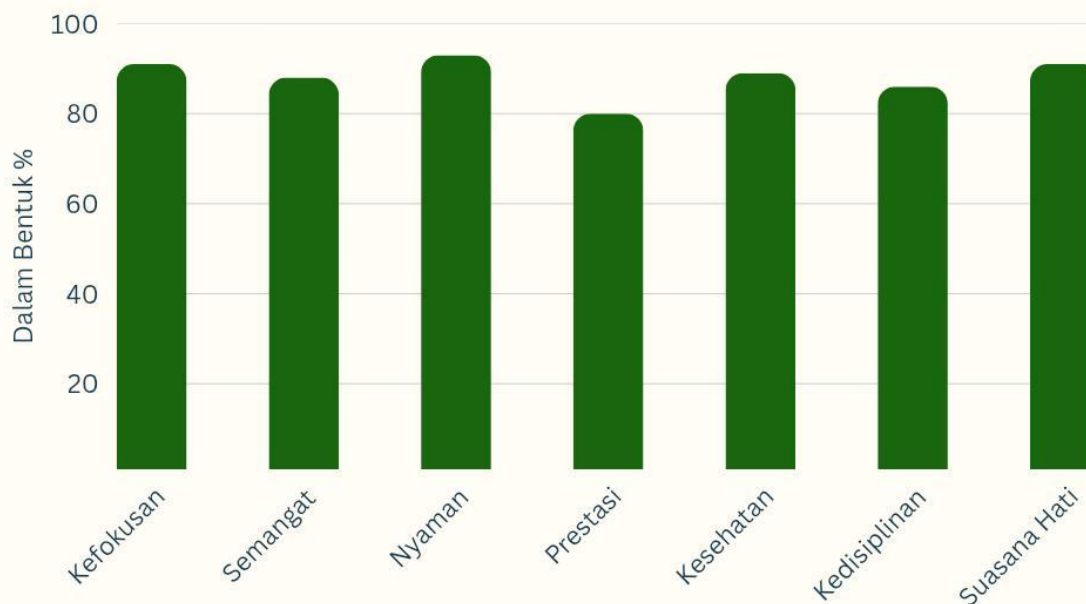
The population of this study was all active students at Al-Azhar Medan's flagship high school. Using quantitative methods allows for more accurate and specific data and increases time and energy efficiency thanks to a systematic and structured approach.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Research result

The results of quantitative data analysis obtained through research on 37 samples of active students at Al-Azhar Medan's flagship high school have the results shown in the chart below:

DAMPAK LINGKUNGAN ASRI DI SMA UNGGULAN AL-AZHAR



Based on the results in the chart above, it shows that 88% of active students at Al-Azhar Medan's Leading High School admit that cleanliness and environmental beauty have an impact on learning, both in terms of focus, enthusiasm, comfort, achievement, health, discipline, and mood. 91% of students acknowledged that a beautiful environment can impact their learning focus, a significant percentage. Similarly, enthusiasm for learning is also influenced by a beautiful environment, with 88% contributing to it. Comfort, with the highest percentage at 93%, indicates that students generally feel more comfortable in a beautiful environment. Regarding achievement, 80% felt influenced by a beautiful environment, potentially influencing student grades and achievement.

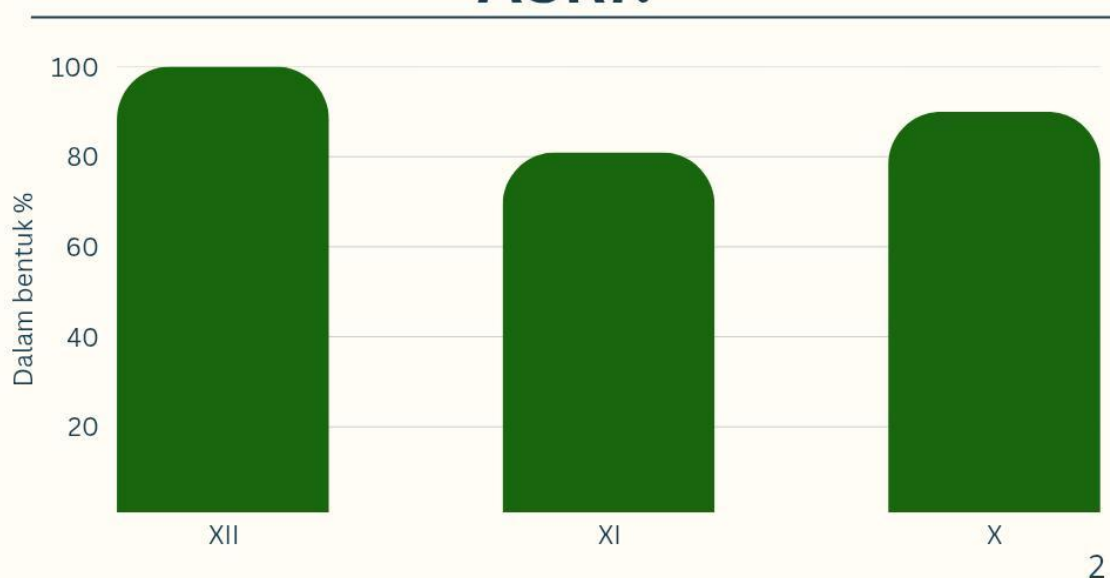
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Only 1% difference in enthusiasm, the percentage of students who felt a beautiful environment affected their health was 89%. Discipline, on the other hand, had a percentage of 86%, indicating a significant impact. However, the impact on mood was higher, at 91%. This high figure is considered significant for most students.

Based on the chart above, 100% of 12th-grade students feel that Al-Azhar Medan's flagship high school is a beautiful environment. Meanwhile, 80% of 11th-grade students consider Al-Azhar to be a beautiful environment. 10th-grade students fall somewhere in between, at 90%. The average is 90% of Al-Azhar Medan's flagship high school students

APAKAH SMA UNGGULAN AL-AZHAR MEDAN MERUPAKAN LINGKUNGAN ASRI?



who feel that Al-Azhar Medan's flagship high school is a beautiful environment.

DISCUSSION

Research on the influence of a beautiful environment on learning according to students at Al-Azhar Medan's flagship high school provides an overview of the reasons for the smooth learning process at Al-Azhar Medan's flagship high school.

The level of influence of a beautiful environment on learning

The impact of a beautiful environment on learning focuses on many aspects, such as focus, discipline, enthusiasm, comfort, improved performance, health, and mood. The impact of a beautiful environment led us to pose seven questions:

1. In my opinion, a beautiful environment makes me more focused on studying.
2. In my opinion, a beautiful environment makes me more comfortable to study.
3. The cool air because of the trees at school makes me feel healthier.
4. I feel more disciplined and orderly in a school that is neat and tidy.
5. I feel that my academic performance has improved because of the supportive school environment.
6. A green and tidy environment makes my mood better.

7. In my opinion, if I am in a school that has a beautiful environment, I will be protected from disease.

By asking the above questions, we can determine how much a beautiful environment affects students at Al-Azhar Medan's flagship high school. After averaging the percentages, the resulting impact can be considered quite high: 90% of students at Al-Azhar Medan's flagship high school report a beautiful environment for learning. Due to this significant influence, a beautiful environment is needed to ensure that this influence can lead to positive outcomes. Below are the results of our research on the beauty of the environment at Al-Azhar Medan's flagship high school.

The Beauty of Al-Azhar Medan's Leading High School

Based on research results, 90% of Al-Azhar High School students agree that Al-Azhar High School is a beautiful school, which means that the school environment is quite organized, clean and cool because of the shady trees and available trash cans. Based on observations, the beautiful environment at Al-Azhar Medan's flagship high school is evident not only in the layout and cleanliness of the classrooms, but also in the presence of shady trees, which add to the cool atmosphere of the school. Shady trees are located in front of classrooms and throughout Al-Azhar High School. Sanitation facilities, such as adequate trash receptacles, contribute to a healthy and well-maintained environment. This helps students feel safer, healthier, and more enthusiastic about participating in the learning process. A beautiful school environment is a vital asset that must be maintained by the entire school community. This beauty not only enhances the atmosphere but also provides psychological benefits, improves concentration, and fosters a sense of comfort and belonging at school. However, a beautiful environment can quickly deteriorate if not properly maintained.

Some ways to maintain a beautiful school environment include:

1. Maintain cleanliness regularly

Regular cleaning can be implemented by assigning class and environmental cleaning staff. This prevents the accumulation of trash, which can damage the beauty and pollute the environment.

2. Caring for plants and greening

Plants in school gardens should be watered regularly, fertilized, and pruned if they become overgrown. This care keeps the plants healthy and adds to the school's aesthetic value.

3. Maintain environmental facilities

Garden seating, flower pots, walls, and walkways require regular maintenance and repair. Well-maintained facilities contribute to the beauty and comfort of the students.

4. Getting used to environmentally friendly behavior

Teachers and students need to be accustomed to caring for the environment, such as not scribbling on walls, saving water, and using trash cans according to their type.

5. Conducting sustainable greening programs

Schools can plant new trees, create school gardens, or implement plant adoption programs for each class. This way, the environment's beauty is not only maintained but also thrived. With the joint efforts of students, teachers, and the school, the already beautiful environment can be maintained and even become even more beautiful over time. It is hoped that this activity can be carried out collaboratively without objection from any party, ensuring a comfortable environment.

After discussing the impact, we get the benefits of a beautiful environment at school, namely:

1. Improve concentration – a cool and calm atmosphere makes it easier for students' minds to receive lessons.
2. Reducing stress – the presence of green trees can provide a relaxing effect and reduce psychological stress due to the burden of studying.
3. Improving discipline – an orderly and clean environment reflects a culture of discipline that students indirectly imitate.

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4. Encouraging motivation – a beautiful and healthy school atmosphere fosters enthusiasm for learning.
5. Prevent disease – a clean environment reduces the risk of disease, thus keeping student absenteeism low.
6. Improve academic and non-academic achievement – with healthier physical and mental conditions, students are better prepared to face learning challenges.
7. Formation of environmentally conscious character – the habit of protecting the school environment can be carried over into everyday life.

CONCLUSION

1. 90% Murid SMA Al-Azhar Medan merasakan pengaruh dari lingkungan yang asri.
2. 90% Murid SMA Al-Azhar Medan merasa SMA Al-Azhar Medan merupakan lingkungan yang asri.
3. Agar SMA Al-Azhar Medan tetap menjadi lingkungan yang asri, SMA Al-Azhar Medan harus menjalankan program kebersihan.
4. Pengaruh lingkungan yang asri memberi sangat banyak manfaat.
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