



## IMPLEMENTATION OF RELIGIOUS EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN DEVELOPING STUDENTS' INTERESTS AND TALENTS AT MADRASAH TSANAWIYAH AL HIDAYAH RAWABENING BK3 BUAY MADANG EAST DISTRICT, EAST OKU DISTRICT

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**Abstract:** This research aims to explore the implementation of extracurricular activities in developing students' interests and talents. Extracurricular activities provide opportunities for students to explore their interests and talents in various fields such as arts, sports, science, and others. This research uses qualitative methods by analyzing data from interviews with students, supervising teachers, and managers of extracurricular activities in two secondary schools in a metropolitan city. The research results show that extracurricular activities make a significant contribution to developing students' interests and talents. Education participants who are involved in extracurricular activities feel more motivated and enthusiastic about participating in activities outside the classroom. They also develop skills such as discipline, hard work, and team collaboration through active participation in clubs, organizations, or extracurricular teams. In addition, extracurricular activities also provide opportunities for students to explore their special interests and prepare themselves for future careers. Learners who have an interest in a particular field such as science, sports, or the arts can gain useful experience and build a network that can help them achieve their career goals. In conclusion, implementing extracurricular activities effectively can increase the development of students' interests, talents and skills. Therefore, it is recommended that educational institutions provide greater support for extracurricular activities as an integral part of holistic and comprehensive education.

**Keywords:** Extracurricular activities, interests and talents, student development.

### INTRODUCTION

The implementation of extracurricular activities in developing students' interests and talents can be understood from several points of view. Extracurricular activities provide variety in learning outside the classroom which helps develop students' interests and talents. This is important because every individual has different tendencies and talents. Extracurricular activities are very important because each individual has different tendencies and talents

(Pravitasari et al. 2024) . Outside the classroom, students have the opportunity to explore their interests and talents through activities that match their passions. Learning outside the classroom provides necessary variety in students' learning experiences. While in the classroom they focus on the established curriculum, extracurricular activities allow them to broaden their horizons and skills in areas of their interest. For example, a student interested in the arts might join an art or drama club, while a student interested in sports might participate in a soccer or badminton team.

Through extracurricular activities, students can develop their interests and talents in more depth. They have the opportunity to practice, collaborate with peers, and receive guidance from mentors who are experienced in the field. This not only helps them develop personally, but also increases their self-confidence and motivation. Thus, extracurricular activities provide a very valuable space for students to explore their interests and talents outside the conventional classroom environment (Hidayat et al. 2024) . This can help them discover their best potential and achieve success in various aspects of life. Through extracurricular activities, students have the opportunity to channel their interests and talents in various fields such as arts, sports, science, or others. This helps them feel validated, motivated and develop holistically. Yes, that is true. Through extracurricular activities, students have the opportunity to channel their interests and talents in various fields, such as arts, sports, science, or other fields.

Students who are involved in extracurricular activities have the opportunity to demonstrate their abilities and achievements in areas of their interest. This provides a sense of recognition and appreciation that is important for their personal development. By pursuing their interests and talents, students tend to be more motivated to learn and develop. When they see the results of their efforts in extracurricular activities, it provides additional encouragement to continue trying and improving themselves. Each area of extracurricular activity brings with it opportunities to develop different skills (Kusumawati et al. 2023) . For example, through participation in an art club, students can improve their skills in painting or drawing, while through sports teams, they can improve their physical skills and teamwork. By engaging in various fields of activity, students have holistic experiences that shape their overall personality. They learn about hard work, perseverance, creativity, leadership, and various other skills that are important for success in life. Interaction with fellow students and mentors in extracurricular activities helps in their emotional and social growth. They learn about teamwork, effective communication, managing conflict, and many other important aspects of social

interaction. Overall, extracurricular activities provide an excellent platform for students to explore their interests and talents, feel recognized, motivated and develop holistically. This is an important part of the educational experience that not only produces academic achievement, but also forms resilient and talented individuals (Akbar et al. 2023) .

Extracurriculars also help students develop certain skills that they may not acquire in the classroom. For example, leadership, teamwork, and communication skills are important for success outside of school. Apart from skills, extracurricular activities also shape students' character. They learn about discipline, responsibility, hard work, and tolerance, all of which are important values for success in life. Extracurricular activities not only help in developing skills, but also shape the character of students. Through extracurricular activities, students learn about the importance of discipline in achieving their goals. For example, in regular sports practice or music practice, they understand that consistency and persistence are necessary to make progress. Being part of a team or group in extracurricular activities teaches students to be responsible for their duties and obligations (Agustina, Juliantika, and Saputri 2023) .

All of these values are very important for success in life, whether in career, interpersonal relationships, or in living everyday life. Extracurricular activities provide an ideal environment to teach and hone these values in a context that is relevant and meaningful for students. Extracurricular activities can also serve as a positive alternative for students to spend their free time. By engaging in useful activities, they are more likely to avoid negative behavior such as juvenile delinquency or gadget addiction. Correctly. Extracurricular activities provide positive alternatives for students to spend their free time. By engaging in useful activities, they are more likely to avoid negative behavior such as juvenile delinquency or gadget addiction. Thus, extracurricular activities not only provide a positive alternative for students to spend their free time, but also help them grow and develop as better individuals overall (Alivia and Sudadi 2023) .

For students who have special interests, extracurricular activities can be a stepping stone for future career development. For example, through science or sports clubs, they can gain useful experience and networks that can help them achieve their career goals. Yes, it is true. For students who have special interests, extracurricular activities can be a stepping stone for future career development. Extracurricular activities often involve developing skills that can be applied in the world of work. For example, students involved in debate clubs can improve their public speaking and critical analysis skills, while students

involved in technology clubs can gain useful programming or design skills (Irbath, Isnadi, and Kusuma 2020) . Thus, extracurricular activities are not only a way to develop interests and talents, but also an investment in future career development. This gives students the opportunity to explore a variety of career paths and prepare themselves for success in the world of work. Taking into account this background, the implementation of extracurricular activities becomes a necessity in education to ensure students have equal opportunities to develop their interests, talents and potential optimally.

## METHOD

The place of research was carried out at Madrasah Aliyah Al-Furqon Prabumulih, South Sumatra . The data collection techniques used were Interview, Observation, Documentation techniques (Sugiyono 2013) . This research is descriptive research, namely research conducted to provide an overview of an event that occurred. (Suryabrata 2016) . Data analysis is qualitative data analysis, namely an analysis based on the data obtained, then certain relationship patterns are developed. The data analysis technique used in this research is interactive analysis. This model has 4 analysis components, namely: data collection, data reduction, data presentation, and drawing conclusions. According to Moleong, "Data analysis is the process of organizing and sorting data into patterns, categories and basic units of description so that themes and places for formulating working hypotheses can be found as suggested by the data (Tersiana 2018) . To determine the validity ( *trustworthiness* ) of data, inspection techniques are required. Miles, Mattew B and A. Michael Huberman. Triangulation is the most commonly used method of ensuring data validity in qualitative research. Triangulation is a technique for checking the validity of data by utilizing something other than the data for the purposes of checking the data or as a comparison to the data (Wada et al. 2024) .

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The implementation of extracurricular activities has been proven to have a positive impact on developing students' interests and talents. Extracurricular activities provide opportunities for students to explore their interests and talents in various fields such as arts, sports, science, and others. Through active participation in clubs, organizations, or teams, students can develop their interests and discover talents they may not have been aware of before. Extracurricular activities provide invaluable opportunities for students to explore their interests and talents in various fields. Through active participation in clubs, organizations, or teams, students can develop their interests and

discover talents that they may not have been aware of before (Damayanti et al. 2022) . In the arts, students can join a fine arts club, theater, orchestra, or choir to explore their creativity in various forms of expression. They can learn new techniques, create works of art, or perform in public to hone their skills. Meanwhile, in the field of sports, students can become members of football, badminton, basketball or athletic teams. This gives them the opportunity to improve their physical, teamwork and competitive skills. They also learn about hard work, discipline and managing pressure in match situations. For those interested in science, a science club or robotics club could be ideal. Here, students can conduct experiments, solve problems, and learn about in-depth scientific concepts. They can develop research and problem-solving skills that are beneficial for advanced studies in science and technology. Not only that, extracurricular activities can also cover other fields such as language and literature, personal development, entrepreneurship, or the environment. Through these various choices, students have the opportunity to explore their interests and talents widely, so they can discover what they like and are talented in.

In addition, extracurricular activities also provide a supportive environment for experimenting, failing, and learning from mistakes. This allows students to grow not only as skilled individuals, but also as individuals who are confident and ready to face challenges in the real world. Students learn values such as discipline, responsibility, hard work, and tolerance through extracurricular activities. For example, on sports teams, they learn about hard work, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Meanwhile, in the art club, they can hone their creativity, perseverance and self-discipline. It is true, extracurricular activities provide opportunities for students to learn important values such as discipline, responsibility, hard work and tolerance. In sports teams, students learn about hard work, teamwork, and sportsmanship. They learn that to achieve good results, they must train consistently, work together with teammates, and respect opponents. Apart from that, they also learn to accept victory and defeat with a sporting attitude (Warisno 2022) .

In art clubs, students can hone creativity, perseverance and self-discipline. They learn to express their ideas with a variety of media, complete art projects diligently, and appreciate the creative process. Self-discipline is necessary to maintain consistency in artistic practice and complete work well. In science or robotics clubs, students also learn about discipline, perseverance, and responsibility. They must follow experimental procedures carefully, complete projects diligently, and be responsible for the results of their work. Patience and perseverance are required in overcoming challenges that may

arise during the research or robot manufacturing process. In entrepreneurial clubs or social organizations, students learn about values such as initiative, cooperation, and empathy. They understand the importance of identifying problems and finding creative solutions, collaborating with teammates to achieve common goals, and caring about the needs of the community around them. Thus, extracurricular activities not only provide practical experience in certain fields, but also become a means of teaching values that are important in forming students' character. This ensures that they not only develop academically, but also personally and socially.

Apart from that, extracurricular activities help students develop various skills, both academic skills and soft skills such as communication and leadership. Through participation in competitions or creative projects, they can improve their abilities in areas of interest. Apart from that, extracurricular activities help students develop various skills, both academic skills and soft skills such as communication and leadership. Through participation in competitions or creative projects, they can improve their abilities in areas of interest. Students can develop their academic skills through extracurricular activities such as science olympiads, debates, or study clubs. They learn to apply concepts learned in class to real contexts, deepen their understanding of the subject matter, and improve analytical and problem-solving skills. Extracurricular activities also provide opportunities for students to develop soft skills such as communication, leadership and teamwork. For example, in a language club, they can improve their speaking and writing skills, while in a sports team, they learn about leadership and cooperation. Through creative projects in art clubs, theater, or entrepreneurship clubs, students can develop their creativity and innovation abilities. They are invited to think outside the box, create new solutions, and express their ideas in unique and original ways.

In some extracurricular activities such as robotics clubs or IT clubs, students can gain valuable technical skills. They learn about programming, graphic design, or new technologies that may not be taught in the classroom. Participation in extracurricular activities teaches students about time management and setting priorities. They must learn how to balance schoolwork, extracurricular activities, and free time to remain efficient and productive. Thus, extracurricular activities not only provide opportunities to improve academic abilities, but also develop soft skills that are invaluable in preparation for life after school. This completes their education thoroughly and prepares them to face various challenges in the future.

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behavior such as juvenile delinquency or gadget addiction. For students who have special interests, extracurricular activities can be a stepping stone for future career development. Through science clubs, sports, or academic organizations, they can gain useful experience and build a network that can help them achieve their career goals. That's right, for students who have special interests, extracurricular activities can be a very valuable stepping stone for future career development. Through science clubs, sports, or academic organizations, they can gain useful experience and build a network that can help them achieve their career goals. For those interested in science and technology, joining a science or technology club can be a good first step. Here, learners can engage in research, experiments, or innovative projects that expand their knowledge and skills in the field. They can also participate in local, national, or international science or technology competitions that can raise their profile in the eyes of educational institutions or potential future employers. For those with a talent for sports, joining a school sports team can provide valuable experience in developing athletic and leadership skills. Achievements at the local, regional, or even national level of competition can be a highlight on a resume and provide an added advantage when applying for athletic scholarships or positions on professional teams in the future.

Academic organizations such as debate clubs, model UN, or math clubs not only improve academic understanding, but also develop communication, logical reasoning, and leadership skills. Learners can gain experience speaking in public, preparing and presenting arguments, and working in teams to solve complex problems. For those who have an interest in art or creativity, joining an arts or creative club can help students develop their talents and expand their network in the world of arts and culture. They can participate in art exhibitions, festivals, or collaborative work that can attract attention from people in the creative industry. Thus, extracurricular activities not only provide opportunities to explore interests and talents, but are also a very useful forum for preparing students for future careers. It provides hands-on experience, practical learning, and networking that can help them enter the workforce more confident and prepared. Overall, the experience of extracurricular activities enriches students' overall educational experience. They learn from interactions with fellow students and mentors, gain insights they could not get from textbooks, and feel satisfaction from accomplishments and active participation in the activity. Thus, the implementation of extracurricular activities has a significant impact on developing students' interests, talents, character and skills, as well as enriching their overall educational experience. This emphasizes the importance of

extracurricular activities as an integral part of a holistic and comprehensive education.

## CONCLUSION

This research shows that the implementation of extracurricular activities has a very important role in developing students' interests and talents. Extracurricular activities make a significant contribution to developing students' interests and talents. Students who are involved in extracurricular activities feel more motivated and enthusiastic about participating in activities outside the classroom. Students develop various skills such as discipline, hard work, teamwork, and communication through active participation in clubs, organizations, or extracurricular teams. Extracurricular activities provide opportunities for students to explore their special interests in areas such as arts, sports, and science. This helps them discover talents they may not have been aware of before. For students who have an interest in a particular field, extracurricular activities can be a stepping stone for future career development. They can gain useful experience and build a network that can help them achieve their career goals. Effective implementation of extracurricular activities can increase the development of students' interests, talents and skills. Therefore, it is important for educational institutions to provide greater support for extracurricular activities as an integral part of a holistic and comprehensive education. Thus, extracurricular activities not only act as a complement to formal education in the classroom, but also as a very important vehicle for forming character, developing skills, and preparing students for a better future.

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