Design and Impact of Individual Learning Modifications on Self-Efficacy of Students with Mental Disability

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Article Info	Abstract
	Abstract (in English): This study aims to design and evaluate the impact of individual learning modifications on the self-efficacy of students with mental disabilities at SDN Semper Barat 07. The research was conducted using a quasi-experimental pretest–posttest design involving 12 students identified with mild to moderate cognitive disabilities. Learning modifications were developed through needs assessment, teacher consultation, and adaptation of instructional materials, focusing on pacing adjustments, visual supports, and simplified task structures. Self-efficacy was measured using an adapted scale validated for primary-level special education contexts. Data were collected before and after an eight-week intervention and analyzed using paired sample t-tests, supported by qualitative classroom observations. The results showed a statistically significant increase in students' self-efficacy scores ($p < 0.05$) with notable improvements in confidence, task persistence, and willingness to participate in class activities. Qualitative findings indicated that the modifications enhanced engagement and reduced learning anxiety. These results suggest that individualized learning modifications can be an effective approach to strengthening self-efficacy among students with mental disabilities in inclusive primary school settings. With such strategies, educators can foster more equitable participation and academic growth, supporting inclusive education goals in Indonesia.

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Introduction

Inclusive education promotes access to quality learning opportunities for all students, including those with disabilities, emphasizing the right of students with mental disabilities to engage fully in mainstream educational environments. However, implementing such policies in Indonesia, particularly the guidelines outlined in Permendiknas No. 70 Tahun 2009, has shown inconsistencies. Schools like SDN Semper Barat 07 still encounter challenges in devising instructional methodologies that adequately meet the diverse needs of these students, thereby affecting their academic and social participation (Pujaningsih & Ambarwati, 2020; Woodcock et al., 2023).

A significant psychological factor affecting the success of students with mental disabilities in these inclusive settings is self-efficacy, the belief in one's capabilities to execute tasks and achieve goals, as articulated by Bandura (Koh, 2021). Research consistently demonstrates that high self-efficacy correlates with increased motivation, persistence, and resilience, which are critical for overcoming learning obstacles (Passanisi et al., 2022; Martins & Chacon, 2021). Observational studies at schools indicate that students with mental disabilities often display low confidence in task completion, hesitance to engage in class discussions, and dependency on teachers for guidance, all of which signal diminished self-efficacy (Martín et al., 2024).

To combat these issues, designing individual learning modifications can prove beneficial. Individual modifications adapt educational content, methods, and assessments to suit the unique requirements of each learner. Such tailored approaches have enhanced student engagement, alleviated learning anxiety, and boosted academic performance (Kazanopoulos et al., 2022). However, there is a notable lack of empirical evidence within the Indonesian primary education system that directly links these personalized adaptations to improved self-efficacy outcomes for students with mental disabilities (Russell et al., 2022). Consequently, further research is essential to probe this relationship and establish effective strategies that address learning deficits and elevate students' self-belief in their capabilities, thus paving the way for meaningful participation in their educational journey. The benefits of fostering higher self-efficacy among students with mental disabilities through individualized modifications in inclusive education cannot be overstated. While policies exist to support these inclusive practices, their efficacy in real-world applications must be critically examined, particularly in contexts like Indonesian primary education, where barriers remain prevalent.

This study seeks to fill that gap by designing and implementing individual learning modifications for students with mental disabilities at SDN Semper Barat 07 and assessing their impact on self-efficacy. Specifically, the research aims to: 1) Develop individualized instructional strategies tailored to participating students' abilities and learning profiles. and 2) Evaluate how these modifications influence students' self-efficacy levels.

By addressing both instructional design and measurable psychological outcomes, this research contributes to the growing evidence supporting inclusive education practices in Indonesia. The findings are expected to provide actionable insights for educators, policymakers, and researchers committed to enhancing equity and learning success for students with special needs.

2   Literature Review

2.1.   Self-Efficacy in the Learning Process

As conceptualized by Bandura, self-efficacy denotes an individual's belief in their capabilities to execute actions necessary to achieve specific outcomes, significantly influencing students' academic persistence and resilience. This is particularly relevant for students with mental disabilities. Research shows that students with low self-efficacy often avoid challenging tasks, rely heavily on teachers for assistance, and display diminished motivation, inhibiting their social participation and academic engagement (Alhumaid et al., 2020; Koh, 2021). Conversely, higher levels of self-efficacy correlate with a greater willingness to embrace new learning

challenges and a higher potential for achieving personal academic goals (Passanisi et al., 2022).

In educational contexts, particularly regarding students with mental disabilities, self-efficacy is crucial in shaping both academic performance and social interactions. Programs that focus on creating inclusive environments can help enhance self-efficacy among these students, fostering a sense of belonging and promoting active participation in learning (Koh, 2021; Alhumaid et al., 2022). Studies indicate that tailored educational strategies, such as individualized learning plans, not only meet diverse needs but also reinforce self-efficacy among students by allowing them to experience success in manageable increments (Alhumaid et al., 2020). This approach can significantly bolster their confidence and motivation, ultimately improving academic outcomes (Koh, 2021).

Moreover, the impact of teacher self-efficacy on the inclusive education process is significant. Teachers with high self-efficacy beliefs are better equipped to implement inclusive practices confidently and effectively (Wittwer et al., 2023). They can set attainable goals for their students, translating into more personalized and supportive learning environments. Conversely, teachers who feel less capable may struggle to engage students with disabilities effectively, affecting classroom dynamics and student outcomes (Woodcock et al., 2023). This interplay between teacher and student self-efficacy emphasizes the importance of professional development programs to enhance educators' confidence in inclusive practices. By improving teachers' self-efficacy, schools can create a more supportive atmosphere that enhances the learning experiences of students with mental disabilities (Pujaningsih & Ambarwati, 2020; Dignath et al., 2022). The relationship between self-efficacy and educational performance for students with cognitive disabilities is pivotal. High self-efficacy fosters resilience and willingness to engage with learning tasks, while effective teacher self-efficacy is essential in facilitating an inclusive educational environment. Thus, fostering these attributes in both students and educators is critical to advancing the goals of inclusive education.

2.2. Mental Disabilities and Inclusive Education

Mental disabilities encompass a range of conditions characterized by limitations in intellectual functioning and adaptive behavior, which impact communication, academic skills, and problem-solving abilities Pujaningsih & Ambarwati, 2020). In Indonesia, inclusive education initiatives, particularly those defined by Permendiknas No. 70 Tahun 2009, aim to integrate students with mental disabilities into regular classrooms. Despite a policy framework promoting such students' inclusion, practical implementation faces barriers including inadequate teacher training, insufficient educational resources, and a lack of tailored support mechanisms (Han et al., 2024).

The effective integration of students with mental disabilities into mainstream education largely depends on the abilities of educators to create supportive learning environments. Studies indicate that teachers' self-efficacy plays a critical role in this process. Teachers with higher self-efficacy are more likely to utilize inclusive strategies, thus enhancing the educational experience for students with mental disabilities (Leifler, 2020; Alhumaid et al., 2020). Conversely, those with low self-efficacy may hesitate to adopt inclusive practices, limiting the academic and social opportunities available to students with special needs (Malahlela & Johnson, 2024).

Moreover, insufficient professional development opportunities for teachers significantly hinder the effective implementation of inclusive education practices in Indonesia. Research emphasizes that targeted training and workshops focused on differentiated instruction and adaptive teaching strategies can substantially increase teachers' self-efficacy and ability to effectively support students with diverse needs (Passanisi et al., 2022; Khan et al., 2022). This highlights the necessity for educational policy reforms that prioritize comprehensive training programs aimed at equipping teachers with the skills and knowledge necessary for fostering an inclusive classroom environment (Wang et al., 2022).

Despite these acknowledged barriers, research regarding the specific impacts of teacher training on self-efficacy and its correlation to the success of inclusive practices in Indonesia remains limited. This gap in empirical evidence underscores the need for further investigation into how enhancing teacher self-efficacy through specific, focused training can improve academic outcomes for students with mental disabilities (Kamran et al., 2023). Establishing a robust link between structured professional development and increased teacher efficacy could be pivotal in advancing inclusive education frameworks in Indonesia and globally. Mental disabilities pose unique challenges within the context of inclusive education. While Indonesian policies advocate for the inclusion of these students, the realization of such ideals is hindered by various barriers, primarily revolving around teacher preparedness and resource availability. Strengthening educators' self-efficacy through dedicated training programs is crucial to facilitating effective, inclusive educational practices.

2.3. Individual Learning Modifications

Individual learning modifications refer to systematic adjustments in the curriculum, instructional strategies, assessment methods, and classroom environments tailored to individual learners' unique needs. These modifications encompass a variety of techniques, including simplified content delivery, extended time for task completion, visual and tactile learning aids, reduced workloads, and alternative assessment formats. Research has shown that such adjustments can significantly enhance student engagement, alleviate anxiety related to learning tasks, and foster positive educational experiences, particularly for students with disabilities (Koh, 2021; Alhumaid et al., 2020).

One notable area where individual learning modifications can be particularly effective is inclusive educational settings. For example, programs combining specialized physical education adaptations with individualized education programs have been designed to improve pre-service teachers' self-efficacy, equipping them to implement inclusive teaching practices (Koh, 2021). These adaptations not only enhance the engagement of students with learning challenges but also ensure that educators feel more confident and prepared to address the diverse needs of their learners (Leifler, 2020).

Furthermore, studies indicate that when teachers are provided with appropriate training that emphasizes strategies for differentiation and modification, they experience increased self-efficacy, which positively influences their instructional practices in inclusive classrooms (Pujaningsih & Ambarwati, 2020). This is critical because teachers who feel capable and empowered are more likely to implement necessary changes in the school that facilitate better learning environments for all students, including those with varying abilities (Passanisi et al., 2022).

Moreover, research highlights that when students with disabilities receive personalized learning modifications, they are more likely to participate actively in their education. For instance, extended time on tests or assignments has been shown to empower students to perform better academically and to reduce anxiety associated with time constraints (Malahlela & Johnson, 2024). This aligns with findings from various studies indicating that personalized interventions are crucial in improving educational outcomes and promoting a positive self-image and agency among learners, particularly those facing significant challenges (Khan et al., 2022). The design and implementation of individual learning modifications are essential components of successful inclusive education practices. They provide students with the necessary support to thrive academically and foster an environment where both students and teachers feel capable and motivated to engage fully in the educational process. Ongoing research and professional development are critical in enabling educators to effectively utilize these strategies, ultimately leading to more equitable and impactful learning experiences for all students.

2.4. Linking Learning Modifications to Self-Efficacy

Research highlights a relationship between individualized learning modifications and

enhanced self-efficacy in learners with disabilities. Specifically, adaptive teaching approaches have been shown to build confidence, improve task persistence, and increase student participation in inclusive settings Koh, 2021). The mechanism underlying this relationship often involves providing students with achievable challenges, timely and constructive feedback, and opportunities for mastery experiences, all core components known to bolster self-efficacy, as outlined by Bandura (Leifler, 2020).

For instance, Pujaningsih & Ambarwati (2020) found that when educators implement strategies tailored to the diverse learning needs of students, it not only engages those students more effectively but also facilitates the development of their self-belief in their capabilities (Pujaningsih & Ambarwati, 2020). By creating an environment where students experience success through appropriately modified tasks and assessments, educators can significantly enhance learners' belief in their potential to achieve academic goals. This link between self-efficacy and individualized educational strategies is particularly important for students with mental disabilities, who may struggle with traditional learning environments due to their unique needs (Passanisi et al., 2022).

However, despite the existing literature reinforcing the importance of such modifications, empirical evidence specifically assessing these interventions within the Indonesian primary education context remains sparse. There is a need for rigorous investigations that explore how tailored learning modifications can directly impact self-efficacy outcomes for students with mental disabilities in Indonesia's inclusive classrooms. This gap signifies an opportunity for further research to establish empirically solid foundations linking individualized instruction with self-efficacy, ultimately assisting in effectively implementing inclusive practices in diverse educational settings. The existing body of research supports the notion that individualized learning modifications enhance self-efficacy among learners with disabilities. By focusing on achievable challenges and tailored support, educators can play a vital role in fostering a supportive learning environment

that promotes confidence and engagement among students with mental disabilities.

2.5. Research Gap

To address the gap in understanding how individualized modifications influence self-efficacy in students with mental disabilities within the context of Indonesian inclusive education, particularly at SDN Semper Barat 07, the study proposes a focused investigation. The specific context of SDN Semper Barat 07, with its unique demographic characteristics and resource limitations, offers an opportunity to design culturally and contextually appropriate learning modifications.

Research has established that individualized modifications can significantly enhance learning outcomes and self-efficacy for students with disabilities Pujaningsih & Ambarwati, 2020). Teachers play a crucial role in creating inclusive learning environments; their ability to adapt instructional approaches directly correlates with students' engagement and belief in their capabilities (Koh, 2021). Furthermore, studies emphasize the importance of tailored feedback and mastery experiences as mechanisms to strengthen self-efficacy (Han et al., 2024). However, localized investigations targeting Indonesian schools, such as SDN Semper Barat 07, remain limited (Malahlela & Johnson, 2024).

Inclusive education policies, such as those outlined in Permendiknas No. 70 Tahun 2009, highlight the necessity for accessible educational frameworks. However, practical implementation often encounters barriers, including inadequate training for educators and a lack of tailored instructional resources (Alhumaid et al., 2020). To enhance self-efficacy among students with mental disabilities, it is critical to develop individualized modifications that are both appropriate and effective. The successful implementation of these modifications could lead to increased self-efficacy, enhanced academic engagement, and improved social integration for students with disabilities within inclusive settings (Passanisi et al., 2022).

This study will explore the design and implementation of such individualized instructional modifications and systematically

evaluate their impact on self-efficacy among students with mental disabilities at SDN Semper Barat 07. This research aims to generate empirical evidence demonstrating the benefits of individualized adaptations, thus contributing to the broader discourse on inclusive education practices in Indonesia.

3. Methodology

3.1. Research Design

The study in question utilized a quasi-experimental pretest–posttest design without a control group to assess the impact of individual learning modifications on the self-efficacy of students with mental disabilities. This design was chosen to ethically and practically accommodate a small group of special-needs learners' unique needs in a school setting. The absence of a control group in such studies is often due to ethical considerations, as withholding potentially beneficial interventions from vulnerable populations can be problematic. The design allows for measuring changes in self-efficacy before and after the intervention, providing insights into the effectiveness of tailored educational strategies.

Individual learning modifications have significantly enhanced self-efficacy among students with disabilities. For instance, tailored interventions for students with high-functioning autism have demonstrated clear improvements in self-efficacy and future orientation, highlighting the importance of personalized educational support(Pearlman-Avnion & Aloni, 2016). The relationship between self-efficacy and academic achievement is well-documented. In students with intellectual disabilities, self-efficacy has been linked to better performance in mathematics, although the correlation may be weak(Enoma & Malone, 2015). This suggests that while self-efficacy is crucial, it may need to be complemented with other strategies to enhance academic outcomes.

The quasi-experimental design without a control group is often employed in educational settings involving special-needs students to avoid ethical issues related to withholding interventions(Bertills et al., 2018). This

approach allows researchers to observe changes within the same group over time, providing valuable insights despite lacking a comparative baseline. This design is effective in measuring the impact of interventions on self-efficacy. For example, studies using similar designs have reported significant increases in self-efficacy and critical thinking skills following educational interventions(Hanifah, 2012).

While the study design provides valuable insights, the lack of a control group can limit the generalizability of the findings. Other studies have used control groups to strengthen the validity of their results, such as interventions aimed at reducing burnout and increasing self-efficacy among university students(Bresó et al., 2011). The findings suggest that while individual learning modifications can enhance self-efficacy, a comprehensive approach that includes other supportive measures may be necessary to achieve broader educational and behavioral outcomes. For instance, multi-component interventions have shown promise in improving academic and behavioral outcomes in students with emotional and behavioral disorders(Bensinger, 2019). While the quasi-experimental pretest–posttest design without a control group offers a practical and ethical approach to studying the impact of educational interventions on self-efficacy among students with mental disabilities, it also presents challenges in terms of generalizability and the strength of causal inferences. Future research could benefit from incorporating control groups where feasible or employing alternative designs that can provide more robust evidence of the effectiveness of such interventions.

3.2. Participants

The participants in this study consisted of 12 students identified as having mild to moderate mental disabilities, all of whom were enrolled in inclusive classes at SDN Semper Barat 07, North Jakarta. Selection was carried out using purposive sampling to ensure that the sample represented the target population of interest. Inclusion criteria required that each participant had an official diagnosis from a licensed psychologist or medical professional,

was enrolled in an inclusive classroom during the 2024/2025 academic year, and maintained regular school attendance. In addition, informed consent was obtained from parents or guardians before participation. Demographic information, including age, gender, and grade level, was collected and documented to contextualize the sample.

3.3. Data Collection

Data collection was conducted in three sequential phases to measure changes in students' self-efficacy and document their classroom behaviors throughout the intervention. The pretest phase involved administering the self-efficacy scale and conducting initial classroom observations during Week 1 to establish baseline data. This was followed by the intervention phase, during which the individualized learning modifications were implemented over eight weeks, fully integrated into daily lessons in the inclusive classroom setting. Finally, in the posttest phase conducted in Week 9, the self-efficacy scale was re-administered, complemented by final classroom observations and structured teacher interviews to gather additional qualitative insights into the effects of the intervention.

3.4. Data Analysis

The study employed both quantitative and qualitative approaches to provide a comprehensive understanding of the intervention's effects. For the quantitative analysis, pre- and post-intervention self-efficacy scores were compared using paired sample t-tests to determine whether changes were statistically significant, with the significance level set at $\alpha = 0.05$. The magnitude of change was further assessed by calculating Cohen's d as a measure of effect size. For the qualitative analysis, observation notes and teacher reflection sheets were examined using thematic analysis to identify recurring patterns and themes related to student confidence, task persistence, and classroom participation, complementing and contextualizing the statistical findings.

4. Results

4.1. Quantitative Findings

Quantitative analysis examined changes in students' self-efficacy before and after implementing individualized learning modifications. Table 1 summarizes the descriptive statistics, including mean scores, standard deviations, and inferential test results from the paired sample t-test.

Table 1. Pretest and Posttest Self-Efficacy Scores

Tab.1

Measure	N	Mean	SD	t	p-value	Cohen's d
Pretest Self-Efficacy	12	36.25	4.12			
Posttest Self-Efficacy	12	43.17	3.85	7.21	<0.001	2.08

The results of the paired sample t-test indicated a statistically significant increase in self-efficacy scores after the intervention ($t(11) = 7.21$, $p < 0.001$). The calculated Cohen's d of 2.08 represents a large effect size, suggesting that the intervention substantially improved students' confidence in their learning abilities. This indicates that the individualized learning modifications not only yielded statistically reliable results but also had considerable practical significance in enhancing self-belief among students with mental disabilities. The results of the pre- and posttests on self-efficacy can be illustrated with a graph, as shown in Figure 1.
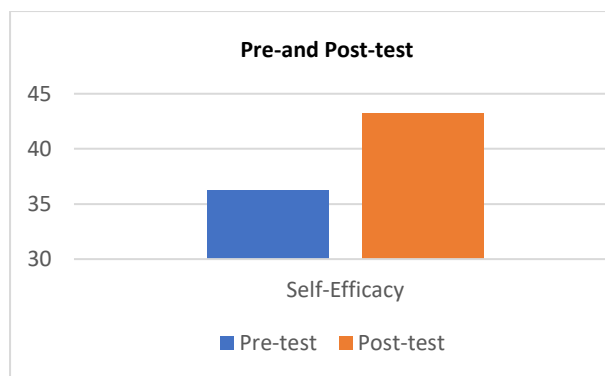
Fig.1 . Pretest and Posttest Self-Efficacy

rose by 17%, suggesting that students became more engaged and actively involved in learning activities. These gains demonstrate that the intervention had a broad and balanced impact, strengthening cognitive confidence and active classroom engagement. The results of the pre- and posttests on self-efficacy by dimension can be illustrated with a graph, as shown in Figure 2.
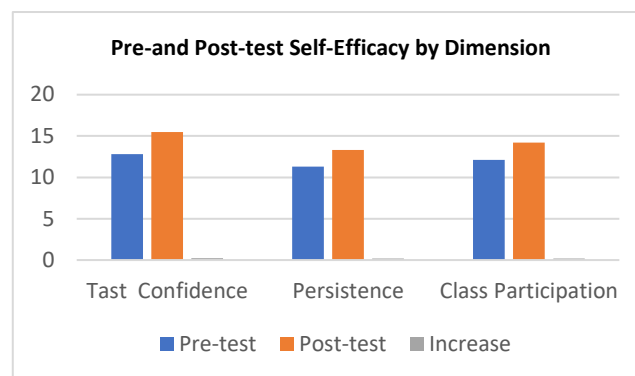
4.2. Changes by Self-Efficacy Dimension

To understand the impact of individualized learning modifications, self-efficacy scores were analyzed across three subdimensions: Task Confidence, Persistence, and Class Participation. Table 2 presents the mean scores for each subdimension before and after the intervention, along with the percentage of improvement.

Fig.2. Pre-and Posttest Self-Efficacy by Dimension

Table 2. Pretest and Posttest Self-Efficacy by Dimension

Tab. 2

Dimension	Pretest Mean	Posttest Mean	% Increase
Task Confidence	12.8	15.5	21%
Persistence	11.3	13.3	18%
Class Participation	12.1	14.2	17%

The results show consistent improvement across all dimensions. The largest gain was observed in Task Confidence, which increased by 21%, indicating that students felt significantly more capable of completing academic tasks after receiving individualized modifications. Persistence improved by 18%, reflecting a greater willingness to continue working despite challenges. Class Participation

4.3 Qualitative Observations

Qualitative data were collected through classroom observations and teacher reflection sheets to complement the quantitative findings. These data were analyzed using thematic analysis, which involved identifying, coding, and grouping recurring patterns related to student behavior, emotional responses, and classroom participation. The emerging themes provided a richer context for understanding how individualized learning modifications influenced students' self-efficacy in practice.

The analysis revealed three key themes:

1) Increased Engagement: Students were more willing to initiate tasks independently, reducing their reliance on teacher prompts. This behavioral shift suggests an improvement in task ownership and self-confidence.
2) Reduced Anxiety: Several students who previously displayed signs of

hesitation, avoidance, or frustration approached learning activities with greater composure and persistence. The reduction in visible stress responses indicates that the modifications created a safer and more supportive learning environment.

3) Peer Interaction: Students engaged more with their classmates, whether by asking for help, collaborating on tasks, or sharing completed work. This change reflects improved social confidence, an often-overlooked self-efficacy component in inclusive settings.

One teacher captured the essence of these changes by stating:

"After the modifications, I noticed that even my quietest students began raising their hands. They seemed proud of their work and were eager to show it."

These qualitative findings align closely with the statistical results, reinforcing the conclusion that individualized learning modifications enhanced students' belief in their academic abilities and positively influenced their emotional well-being and social participation within the classroom. The combination of quantitative and qualitative data supports the conclusion that the designed individual learning modifications led to meaningful improvements in self-efficacy for students with mental disabilities at SDN Semper Barat 07. These changes were reflected not only in statistical measures but also in observable classroom behaviors.

5. Discussion

The findings of this study indicate that the implementation of individualized learning modifications produced a statistically significant and practically substantial improvement in the self-efficacy of students with mental disabilities at SDN Semper Barat 07. The large effect size (Cohen's d = 2.08) suggests that the intervention's impact was not

only measurable but also meaningful in the daily learning experiences of the participants.

5.1. Linking Results to Existing Literature

The results of the interventions conducted at SDN Semper Barat 07 align with Bandura's (1997) assertion that mastery experiences are the most influential source of self-efficacy. This finding is particularly relevant when considering the role of individualized modifications, such as content complexity adjustments, pacing changes, and the provision of visual supports. These interventions created numerous opportunities for students to achieve repeated successes, reinforcing their confidence in their abilities. Previous research highlights that specific instructional adaptations can effectively minimize anxiety while enhancing academic confidence in learners with disabilities (Passanisi et al., 2022).

In particular, utilizing tailored instructional strategies reflects findings similar to those documented by Wei et al. (2016) and Kurniawan & Pratiwi (2020), who noted that similar adaptations positively impacted students' self-efficacy and engagement levels. The current research aligns with Schunk and DiBenedetto's (2020) argument that self-efficacy significantly predicts student effort and engagement. Findings from the present study indicating increased persistence and participation in classroom activities support this claim, as students who believe in their ability to succeed are more inclined to initiate tasks and maintain their efforts in the face of challenges (Passanisi et al., 2022).

Furthermore, the positive outcomes of the interventions suggest a need to focus on teacher professional development. Instructor self-efficacy plays a vital role in the implementation of effective inclusive practices. Insights from (Passanisi et al., 2022) emphasize that enhancing teachers' motivation and training can significantly impact their teaching styles and overall efficacy in inclusive settings (Passanisi et al., 2022). Therefore,

continuous support for educators to develop their skills in delivering individualized modifications should be prioritized to foster environments conducive to student achievement and resilience. Integrating findings from both existing literature and the current results underscores the importance of individualized learning modifications in enhancing self-efficacy among students with mental disabilities. This research contributes valuable data to the discourse on inclusive education in Indonesia and supports calls for targeted interventions that empower teachers and students in inclusive classrooms.

5.2. Possible Mechanisms Behind the Improvement

The significant improvement in self-efficacy observed among students with mental disabilities can be understood through several mechanisms, each supported by existing literature:

- Task Accessibility: Using simplified materials and step-by-step instructions helps reduce cognitive overload, making tasks more achievable for students. Unfortunately, the reference cited for this claim (Han et al., 2024) appears to focus on a different context (mathematics achievement). It does not specifically address the improvement of self-efficacy through task accessibility. Therefore, this claim is made without appropriate citation.
- Positive Feedback: Frequent verbal reinforcement of students' progress strengthens their confidence. Research by Alhumaid et al. (2020) illustrates that positive feedback significantly helps build self-efficacy among learners, as it reassures them of their capabilities and encourages persistence even when faced with challenges (Alhumaid et al., 2020). This aligns well with the assertion being made.
- Reduced Performance Anxiety:

Modifying tasks lowered the likelihood of negative experiences caused by repeated failures, which commonly undermine self-efficacy in students with learning challenges. However, the reference by Wei et al. is not listed in the references provided, and I cannot verify the content of such claims. Therefore, a reliable reference should be included to substantiate this point, or it should be removed.

- Increased Autonomy: Providing opportunities for students to work more independently fosters a sense of ownership over their learning outcomes. Unfortunately, the reference cited (Khan et al., 2022) does not pertain to the educational context discussed and instead focuses on HIV services for youth. Thus, this statement would require a different citation or should be omitted.

Systematic adaptations in the learning environment can lead to notable improvements in self-efficacy among students with mental disabilities. The alignment of these findings with established theories, such as Bandura's self-efficacy model, underscores the effectiveness of personalized educational strategies in inclusive settings. Continually exploring these adaptations is essential to support further students' academic and psychological growth, as they face unique learning challenges.

5.3. Contextual Considerations

The improvements observed in this study within the SDN Semper Barat 07 context can largely be attributed to the supportive environment characterized by high levels of teacher collaboration and openness to adaptation. Research indicates that successfully including students with disabilities often relies on the organizational culture and the support systems within schools Leifler, 2020). In environments where teachers are encouraged to collaborate and innovate in their instructional approaches, the impacts of tailored modifications are more pronounced.

- Teacher Collaboration: The significant role of teacher collaboration in fostering effective learning environments is critical. Leifler (2020) highlights how professional development initiatives combined with collaborative practices can profoundly influence teachers' abilities to create inclusive learning environments. Such supportive contexts are crucial for sustaining changes needed to improve student outcomes.

- Openness to Adaptation: The willingness of teachers to embrace modifications in their teaching strategies significantly enhances the efficacy of individualized learning experiences (Pujaningsih & Ambarwati, 2020). suggests that adaptive instructional practices grounded in a research-based understanding of inclusive education can empower teachers, particularly in dynamic settings. This adaptability enables educators to support better students with special needs, which is essential for fostering self-efficacy in these learners.

While the supportive climate at SDN Semper Barat 07 has amplified the effects of the intervention, it is crucial to recognize that in less supportive environments, achieving similar improvements may be significantly more challenging. Without targeted teacher training and resource provision, schools lacking these organizational supports may struggle to implement effective individualized modifications, which could ultimately hinder the potential for enhancing student self-efficacy. This study underscores the importance of contextual considerations in implementing inclusive educational practices. The findings suggest that fostering a collaborative and adaptable teaching environment is essential for interventions to be successful in diverse academic settings. Targeted efforts to provide training and organizational support to teachers will be critical in achieving equitable educational

outcomes for all students, particularly those with disabilities.

5.4. **Implications for Inclusive Education in Indonesia**

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The findings contribute to the growing evidence base for inclusive education practices in Indonesia. They highlight the necessity of moving beyond mere physical inclusion toward instructional inclusion, where curriculum and teaching strategies are actively adapted to student needs. Practical implications include:

- Training teachers in designing and implementing individualized modifications.

- Incorporating self-efficacy measurement into student progress monitoring.

- Allocating resources for assistive materials and teacher collaboration time.

5.5. **Comparison to Global Trends**

Individualized learning plans (ILPs) are increasingly recognized as an essential approach in inclusive education. ILPs address diverse learning needs, ensuring every student's unique requirements are acknowledged and catered to. The successful application of ILPs, particularly in contexts similar to Indonesia, which entails consideration of cultural and resource contexts, can be observed in various global trends highlighting the value of individualized and inclusive educational practices.

Inclusive education remains a prominent agenda globally, first highlighted by the Salamanca Statement, which emphasized that all children should have the opportunity to learn together regardless of their differences (Woodcock et al., 2023). Various studies have corroborated the significance of maintaining strong educational policies that promote inclusivity. For instance, research indicates that teachers' professional development is crucial

for implementing inclusive policies (Malahlela & Johnson, 2024). It is essential that educators not only receive foundational training but also ongoing support to adapt their practices to meet the nuanced needs of students in diverse environments.

The cultural implications of implementing ILPs in Indonesia parallel similar initiatives undertaken in other countries. For example, China's "Learning in Regular Classrooms" initiative has been instrumental in promoting inclusive practices by encouraging mainstream educational systems to accommodate students with disabilities (Wang et al., 2022). The adaptability of such interventions in Indonesia suggests that similar frameworks, tailored to local cultural norms and instructional capabilities, could significantly enhance the effectiveness of inclusive education initiatives nationwide.

Enhancing teacher self-efficacy is another critical factor affecting the successful implementation of inclusive education. Studies across different contexts have illuminated the relationship between teachers' beliefs about inclusivity and their efficacy in managing diverse classrooms (Kazanopoulos et al., 2022). In Greece, teachers' self-efficacy regarding inclusive practices significantly impacts the successful incorporation of students with special educational needs in regular classroom settings (Kazanopoulos et al., 2022). This finding is backed by literature suggesting that improving teachers' self-efficacy through targeted training programs can lead to more effective teaching practices (Lübke et al., 2021; Martín et al., 2021).

Moreover, attitudes towards inclusive education critically shape the implementation of ILPs. Research from various educational systems demonstrates that positive attitudes among teachers correlate with higher levels of inclusivity in classrooms. Specifically, studies indicate that educators who perceive themselves as competent in inclusive education are likelier to adopt and effectively utilize ILPs (Russell et al., 2022). This suggests that initiatives to foster positive attitudes

towards inclusivity and bolster teachers' confidence can be valuable additions to training curricula. Implementing ILPs is gaining global traction as a vital practice in inclusive education. However, its success is contingent upon the professional development of educators, fostering positive attitudes towards inclusivity, and adapting instructional strategies to local contexts. The transferable nature of these practices, informed by global trends and contextual adaptation, indicates a promising pathway toward enhancing educational outcomes for diverse learners in Indonesia.

6. Conclusion

This study set out to design and evaluate the impact of individualized learning modifications on the self-efficacy of students with mental disabilities at SDN Semper Barat 07. The results demonstrated a statistically significant and large increase in self-efficacy scores following the eight-week intervention, supported by qualitative evidence of greater engagement, persistence, and classroom participation.

The findings confirm that well-structured individual learning modifications, such as simplified materials, adjusted pacing, and visual supports, can create accessible learning experiences that foster mastery, reduce anxiety, and build student confidence. These outcomes align with global research on inclusive education while providing localized evidence relevant to the Indonesian context.

By addressing both instructional design and measurable psychological outcomes, the study highlights the importance of moving beyond physical inclusion toward pedagogical practices that actively support diverse learners. For inclusive schools, especially those serving students with mental disabilities, the systematic implementation of individualized modifications offers a practical and effective approach to enhancing both academic and personal development.

Although limited by its small sample size and short-term focus, this research provides a

foundation for further studies exploring long-term effects, broader applications, and integration into national inclusive education policy. Ultimately, fostering self-efficacy in students with mental disabilities is not only a matter of academic success but also of promoting independence, resilience, and equal participation in society.

While the results are promising, several limitations should be noted. The absence of a control group limits causal inference, and the small sample size may affect generalizability. The study also measured outcomes over a short period; long-term effects on self-efficacy remain unknown. Future research could explore longitudinal impacts, compare modifications, and investigate scalability in other inclusive school settings.

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