

NIE RESEARCH BRIEF SERIES

Instructions for Authors

The ***NIE Research Brief Series*** are easy-to-read and concise summaries of NIE research projects. Each brief provides a brief overview of a research project, its key findings, and possible implications for policy, practice and further research.

PURPOSE

The main aim of the research briefs is to inform and update policymakers, school leaders and educators about the latest education research done in NIE.

We hope to widely disseminate findings from NIE education projects and articulate their possible implications, so that NIE research will ultimately influence and impact education policy and practice in Singapore.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The primary target audience of the research briefs is **education policymakers** in Singapore. The research findings would also be relevant to school leaders and educators.

WRITING FORMAT

Here are some pointers to bear in mind when crafting your research brief:

- The brief should be **2 pages** long (approximately **600 words**, including references, if any). Any brief that is longer than 600 words will be returned to the researcher for revision.
- The brief provides a quick overview of a research project for the busy reader. It should be short and to the point.
- The writing style should be clear and easy to understand. **Academic jargon should be minimized or clearly explained**. Remember, this is something that interested non-specialists and practitioners should be able to read and comprehend.
- It is recommended that you ask a non-researcher to read through your brief to check for clarity and readability.
- Authors are responsible for obtaining permission to reproduce copyrighted material from other sources in their brief.

Previously published research briefs are available on the NIE website:

<http://www.nie.edu.sg/researchnie/research-publications/research-brief-series>

All Principal Investigators are required to submit a research brief upon project completion.

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KEY IMPLICATIONS

- 1 (One sentence per point)
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BACKGROUND

Explain the importance of the problem, and discuss very briefly the relevant and related literature, if necessary.

FOCUS OF STUDY

Describe the purpose of the research and its importance for teaching and learning in Singapore. Describe the intervention, if any, carried out as part of the project.

KEY FINDINGS

Present the main findings in brief (focus on findings relevant to the sections below).

SIGNIFICANCE OF FINDINGS

To include any of the below that might be applicable to the project.

- **Implications for practice:** How may actual classroom practice be improved because of the study?
- **Implications for policy and research:** Explain how education policy in Singapore may be influenced and/or further research may be generated in this area.
- **Learning gains (for studies involving intervention):** Explain how education policy in Singapore may be influenced and/or further research may be generated in this area.
- **Proposed Follow-up Activities:** What activities will be needed to realize the significance of the study.

POPULATION/PARTICIPANTS/SUBJECTS (IF ANY)

State the number of schools, teachers and/or students involved in the study.

RESEARCH DESIGN

Briefly describe the research design and/or methods used.

REFERENCES

References, if any, should follow the APA 6th style. (Maximum of 4 references)

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