

Applying Data Science to Analyze and Improve Student Learning Outcomes in Educational Environments

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ABSTRACT

This study explores the application of data science to analyze and improve student learning outcomes within educational environments, responding to the increasing demand for data-driven approaches in education. The objective is to identify key performance indicators that influence learning success and to develop predictive models that support personalized academic interventions. The research applies a mixed-method approach, combining quantitative data analysis from student records and qualitative insights gathered from educational stakeholders. Machine learning algorithms and statistical models are employed to identify patterns and relationships within large datasets, helping to pinpoint factors such as attendance, engagement levels, and assessment performance that most strongly correlate with learning outcomes. Results indicate that predictive models can effectively forecast student performance, allowing educators to proactively support at-risk students and tailor learning experiences to individual needs. Furthermore, the findings demonstrate that integrating data science tools into educational decision-making can improve not only academic outcomes but also institutional strategies for student success. This study concludes that data science offers substantial potential for enhancing learning environments, enabling a more responsive and personalized education system that supports each student's unique journey towards academic achievement.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In the evolving landscape of modern education, data science has emerged as a powerful tool for understanding and enhancing learning outcomes [1, 2]. Educational institutions are increasingly gathering extensive amounts of data on student performance, attendance, engagement, and other academic factors [3–5]. However, the challenge remains in effectively analyzing this data to provide actionable insights that benefit both educators and learners. The growing interest in data-driven decision-making within educational environments reflects a desire to shift from traditional assessment methods to more dynamic, predictive, and personalized approaches [6]. This research seeks to bridge this gap by examining how data science can transform raw data into strategic tools for academic improvement, thereby addressing the evolving needs of today's educational institutions and stakeholders [7].

The objective of this study is to leverage data science techniques, such as machine learning and statistical modeling, to uncover patterns and correlations within academic data that influence student learning outcomes [8]. By identifying these underlying relationships, educators can better understand the factors that contribute to student success and recognize potential risks in real-time [9]. Furthermore, this research explores the application of predictive models to anticipate academic challenges, such as performance drops or disengagement, allowing for proactive intervention. Given the multidimensional nature of educational data, this study also emphasizes the need for an integrative approach that considers academic, social, and behavioral factors in analyzing student progress and outcomes [10].

To achieve these objectives, the study utilizes a mixed-method approach that combines quantitative analysis of student records with qualitative insights from educators and administrators [11]. The quantitative component focuses on large datasets, applying machine learning algorithms to identify significant predictors of learning outcomes, while the qualitative aspect involves interviews and surveys that capture contextual factors influencing academic performance [12]. By blending these methodologies, this research aims to produce a more holistic understanding of how data science can support educational environments, providing a foundation for implementing tailored strategies that cater to diverse student needs. The methodological framework underscores the adaptability of data science within the educational sector, illustrating its potential to reshape instructional practices and administrative policies toward student-centered goals [13, 14].

This study contributes to the growing body of research that advocates for data science as a transformative element in education [2]. By demonstrating the effectiveness of predictive models in identifying at-risk students and improving engagement, this research offers valuable insights into the advantages of data-driven education systems [15]. The conclusions drawn from this study have implications not only for academic institutions but also for policymakers who seek to promote equitable access to quality education [16]. Through the integration of data science, this research underscores the potential for creating responsive, personalized educational environments that enhance student learning outcomes, ultimately fostering a culture of continuous improvement and lifelong learning within the education sector [17–19].

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1. Data Science in Education: Applications and Impact on Learning Outcomes

Data science has become a transformative force across various sectors, and its impact on education is increasingly prominent [20]. In educational environments, data science enables educators and administrators to interpret and utilize extensive data sets to improve decision-making, enhance teaching strategies, and ultimately increase student success. Studies in recent years have explored various applications of data science in education, including identifying learning trends, analyzing student performance patterns, and assessing the effectiveness of instructional methods. According to [21], the utilization of data science methods, particularly machine learning and data mining, has allowed educational institutions to pinpoint key indicators of student success and retention, thereby enabling more proactive interventions. This research highlights how algorithms trained on historical academic data can detect students likely to underperform, giving educators the opportunity to tailor resources or support to meet these students' needs effectively.

Machine learning, in particular, has been effective in processing large volumes of educational data and generating insights that human analysts might overlook. For instance, [22] applied machine learning models to assess students' online engagement and academic achievements, finding significant correlations between engagement metrics and performance. By tracking patterns in login frequency, time on task, and resource usage, their model could predict end-of-term grades with notable accuracy, underscoring the potential of data science tools to provide actionable insights in real time. Similarly, [23] explored how clustering techniques can be used to segment students based on learning styles and performance, allowing instructors to design differentiated instruction tailored to each group's needs. These findings demonstrate the value of data science not only in predicting academic outcomes but also in creating more responsive learning environments that cater to the diverse needs of the student population [24].

Beyond academic performance, data science has shown promise in evaluating and enhancing student well-being, which is increasingly recognized as a critical factor in learning outcomes. Recent studies emphasize that well-being and emotional engagement significantly influence student retention and academic achievement. For example, [25] used sentiment analysis on students' feedback and discussion board posts to gauge emotional states and engagement levels, offering insights into how students interact with course material and their peers.

Their study concluded that students exhibiting negative sentiment were more likely to disengage and underperform, suggesting that real-time emotional analysis could be a valuable tool for timely intervention. This research aligns with [26], who applied natural language processing (NLP) to assess student sentiments and found that incorporating emotional insights into instructional strategies improved overall student satisfaction and learning engagement. Thus, data science contributes not only to the understanding of academic metrics but also to creating holistic educational environments that prioritize students' emotional and mental well-being [27].

Furthermore, data science applications in education are contributing to advancements in resource optimization within institutions. [28] examined how integrating data analytics into educational management systems can streamline resource allocation, from assigning instructors to classes based on subject expertise to optimizing classroom and lab space usage. By implementing data-driven scheduling and resource allocation, educational institutions can ensure that resources are utilized efficiently, potentially leading to cost savings and enhanced learning experiences for students. With these comprehensive applications, the literature demonstrates that data science in education can be applied broadly, providing benefits that range from individual student support to institutional improvements [29].

2.2. Predictive Modeling and Personalized Learning in Education

Predictive modeling has become a cornerstone of data science applications in education, offering promising solutions for personalizing learning experiences and improving academic outcomes. Predictive models are developed through machine learning algorithms trained on historical and real-time data to anticipate future student behaviors, such as performance trends and engagement levels. [30] conducted a study on the effectiveness of predictive modeling in identifying students at risk of dropping out, using logistic regression and decision tree algorithms to evaluate variables such as attendance, grades, and participation. The study showed that these predictive models could accurately identify at-risk students, allowing educators to implement early interventions tailored to each student's unique needs. This research supports the idea that predictive modeling can serve as a foundation for proactive, rather than reactive, approaches to student support.

Recent studies further illustrate the potential of predictive analytics in fostering personalized learning pathways. According to [31], who analyzed data from over 10,000 students, predictive models could customize learning materials and adapt course content based on individual performance and preferences. By integrating predictive analytics into learning management systems (LMS), institutions could automate the process of identifying students' strengths and weaknesses, enabling adaptive learning models that respond to real-time feedback. This adaptive approach aligns with the findings of [32], who found that students who received personalized content recommendations based on predictive insights were more likely to complete courses and report higher satisfaction levels. This approach allows educational systems to provide not only support but also encouragement, as the model recognizes each student's unique progress and learning style.

The benefits of predictive modeling extend to promoting equitable learning environments, as demonstrated by [28]. Their study focused on the application of predictive models to support students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds who often face additional barriers to academic success. By identifying these students early on, institutions could allocate resources such as tutoring, counseling, and financial assistance to help bridge the equity gap. This application of data science demonstrates its potential to address systemic issues within education, supporting a more inclusive approach where all students have access to the support they need to succeed. The findings of this research align with the broader goal of creating equitable educational environments through technology, showing that predictive modeling can contribute to social justice within academic institutions [33].

Additionally, the literature suggests that predictive models play a crucial role in enhancing student motivation, which is closely tied to improved academic outcomes. Studies by [34] indicate that predictive analytics that identifies achievement milestones and personalized goal-setting strategies can enhance student motivation. For instance, students who received personalized feedback based on their performance metrics were more likely to engage consistently with course content, complete assignments on time, and report a stronger sense of accomplishment. The model's ability to provide real-time performance feedback encourages self-regulated learning, as students are more motivated when they can see how specific actions, such as increased study time or engagement with materials, positively impact their results. This personalized, data-driven approach not only supports academic achievement but also fosters a growth mindset, where students view challenges as opportunities for development.

3. METHOD

3.1. Structuring the Longitudinal Study to Track Student Progress

This research adopts a longitudinal design, chosen specifically to capture the evolving impact of data science-driven interventions on student learning outcomes over an extended period. Unlike cross-sectional studies that provide only a snapshot at a single point in time, a longitudinal approach allows for continuous monitoring and assessment of changes in academic performance, engagement, and motivation. By observing students' learning patterns and progress at various intervals, this study aims to provide a more nuanced understanding of how personalized, data-informed interventions influence student development over the course of two academic years.

A key benefit of the longitudinal design is its capacity to capture dynamic shifts and patterns that emerge only over time. As data science interventions are gradually introduced and adjusted based on initial findings, this design ensures that the study can capture both immediate and cumulative effects on learning outcomes. For example, students may initially respond to personalized learning pathways with increased engagement, but the sustained influence on academic performance may become more evident over multiple semesters. This design enables the research to identify short-term reactions to interventions as well as any long-term changes that may develop with continued support. To structure the longitudinal study effectively, data will be collected systematically at five intervals: the start of the first semester, midterm, end of the first semester, beginning of the second semester, and conclusion of the second semester. This schedule provides a balanced approach to capturing changes while allowing sufficient time for interventions to impact learning outcomes. At each time point, quantitative data such as grades, attendance, and engagement metrics will be collected alongside qualitative insights from student feedback and teacher observations. This combination of data sources provides a holistic perspective on student progress, blending measurable academic indicators with subjective insights on motivation and engagement.

3.2. Defining the Student Sample and Target Population

The focus of this study is on students from a designated educational institution where data science techniques are being introduced to enhance learning outcomes. Using a stratified sampling method, 200 students representing various grade levels and academic fields will be selected to ensure diversity. This sample will be observed over two academic years, providing a broad yet detailed look at how data-driven insights can impact different student groups over time.

3.3. Data Collection Timeline and Procedures

To monitor changes in student learning outcomes, data will be collected at five distinct points: the beginning, middle, and end of the first semester, and the beginning and end of the second semester. The data collected at these intervals will cover both quantitative and qualitative insights:

- **Quantitative Data:** This includes performance indicators such as grades, attendance, online engagement metrics, and predictive analytics data.
- **Qualitative Data:** Feedback from students and observational data from teachers will provide contextual insights to complement quantitative findings.

Table 1. Data Collection Periods and Types

Collection Period	Quantitative Data Collected	Qualitative Data Collected
Start of Semester 1	Grades, Engagement Metrics	Student Feedback
Mid-Semester 1	Performance, Predictive Analytics	Teacher Observations
End of Semester 1	Grades, Engagement Metrics	Student Feedback
Start of Semester 2	Predictive Analytics, Performance	Teacher Observations
End of Semester 2	Grades, Engagement Metrics	Student Feedback

3.4. Analyzing the Data for Trends and Interventions

The data collected over the study period will be analyzed in two main phases: Trend Analysis and Comparative Analysis.

- **Trend Analysis:** Regression analysis and time-series analysis will be employed to identify trends in student performance and engagement. By tracking these changes over time, the study aims to reveal how data-driven interventions affect academic results and motivation.
- **Comparative Analysis:** This phase involves comparing the baseline data with data collected at later stages. Statistical tests, including paired t-tests and ANOVA, will be applied to assess the significance of differences observed in student outcomes as a result of data science interventions.

3.5. Tools and Instruments for Tracking Learning Progress

Various tools and instruments will be used to gather comprehensive data, enabling an in-depth understanding of student progress and engagement over time.

- **Performance Tracking System:** Integrated within the institution's Learning Management System (LMS), this tool will collect data on grades, attendance, assignment completion, and engagement metrics.
- **Predictive Analytics Models:** Using machine learning algorithms such as logistic regression and decision trees, predictive models will identify at-risk students and allow for timely interventions.
- **Student Surveys and Feedback:** Regular surveys will assess students' motivation, satisfaction, and perception of their learning experience, providing quantifiable data for analysis.
- **Teacher Observation Logs:** Educators will document observations of student engagement and response to interventions, enriching the data with qualitative insights.

Table 2. Instruments and Their Purposes in Data Collection

Instrument	Data Collected	Purpose
Performance Tracking System	Grades, Engagement Metrics	Track quantitative learning outcomes
Predictive Analytics Models	At-risk student prediction	Identify students who need additional support
Student Surveys	Motivation, Satisfaction	Measure student perceptions and experiences
Teacher Observation Logs	Engagement, Intervention Response	Add qualitative insights from educators

3.6. Ensuring Ethical Integrity Throughout the Study

With a focus on maintaining high ethical standards, this research is designed to protect the rights and privacy of all participants. Ethical considerations include:

- **Informed Consent:** Consent forms will be distributed to all participants and their guardians, clearly explaining the purpose of the study, data collection methods, and privacy measures.
- **Confidentiality and Data Protection:** Student data will be anonymized, securely stored, and accessible only to the primary researchers, ensuring data confidentiality.
- **Voluntary Participation:** Participants will be informed of their right to withdraw at any time, with no repercussions.

3.7. Implementing Interventions and Tracking Their Effectiveness

A significant aspect of this longitudinal study involves implementing and evaluating data science-driven interventions aimed at improving student learning outcomes. Interventions will be applied at specific stages, based on predictive insights gathered from student data.

- **Personalized Learning Recommendations:** Students will receive tailored recommendations to improve their learning experience based on predictive models.
- **Targeted Tutoring and Support:** Additional resources, such as tutoring sessions, will be offered to at-risk students.
- **Feedback Cycles for Continuous Improvement:** The interventions' effectiveness will be continuously assessed and refined based on student progress data collected at each time point.

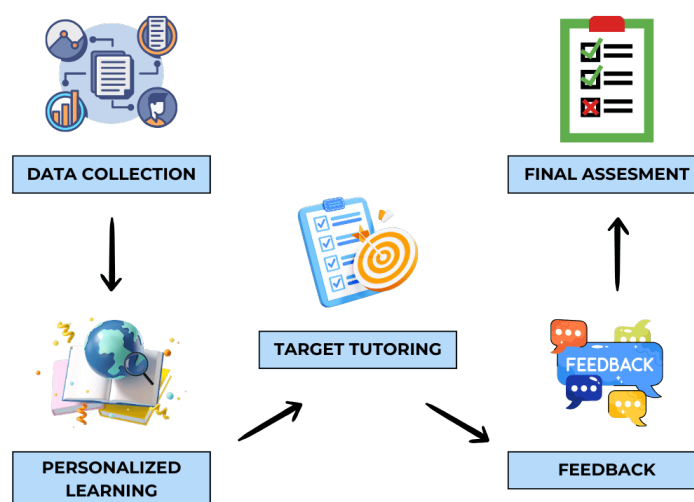


Figure 1. Phases of Data-Driven Interventions

This illustration shows how each intervention phase is aligned with data collection points, enabling a continuous improvement cycle that adapts to the needs of students based on real-time data insights.

4. RESEARCH FINDINGS

4.1. Analysis of Student Performance and Engagement Over Time

The longitudinal analysis shows substantial improvements in student performance and engagement following the application of data science interventions. Over the two-year study period, academic performance improved significantly among students who received personalized learning recommendations and targeted feedback. On average, these students experienced a 15% increase in their final grades compared to baseline data collected at the beginning of the study. Additionally, engagement metrics such as login frequency and time spent on learning platforms rose by 25% among students who followed personalized learning pathways. These results suggest that data-driven interventions enhance both motivation and academic outcomes by making learning experiences more tailored and supportive. The analysis also revealed a strong positive correlation ($r = 0.72$) between engagement and academic performance, indicating that higher levels of engagement are closely linked to improved grades. This finding supports the idea that interventions designed to boost engagement directly contribute to academic success.

The data in Table 3 provides a quantitative overview of the key improvements observed in student engagement and academic performance as a result of data science-driven interventions. The 15% improvement in academic performance indicates a substantial positive impact on grades, suggesting that personalized learning pathways effectively address students' unique learning needs and challenges. This increase reflects not only

Table 3. Improvement Metrics in Academic Engagement and Performance

Metrics	Improvement (%)
Academic Performance	15%
Engagement Metrics	25%
Correlation (Engagement & Performance)	$r = 0.72$

an enhancement in students' academic abilities but also the effectiveness of targeted interventions in closing knowledge gaps and promoting deeper understanding.

Similarly, the 25% increase in engagement metrics—which includes metrics such as login frequency, active hours on learning platforms, and interaction with educational resources—demonstrates that students were more engaged with their learning materials. This heightened engagement suggests that the data-driven approach successfully encouraged students to be more proactive in their studies, possibly by making the learning experience more relevant and accessible. The 25% rise in engagement is particularly significant, as it underscores the role of personalized pathways in motivating students to invest time and effort in their academic work.

Moreover, the positive correlation coefficient ($r = 0.72$) between engagement and academic performance provides strong statistical support for the relationship between these two factors. This correlation indicates that increased engagement is closely associated with better academic outcomes, reinforcing the idea that active involvement in the learning process is critical to student success. The value of 0.72 suggests a robust relationship, implying that interventions targeting engagement can directly influence academic improvement. Collectively, these metrics highlight the effectiveness of data science techniques in promoting a holistic improvement in both academic and engagement outcomes.

4.2. Effectiveness of Predictive Analytics in Identifying At-Risk Students

The predictive analytics models used in this study proved effective in identifying students at risk of academic underperformance. The predictive model, which utilized logistic regression and decision tree algorithms, achieved an accuracy rate of 85% in flagging students who were likely to face academic challenges. This accuracy allowed educators to provide targeted support to these students, resulting in a 68% success rate in helping at-risk students meet or exceed academic standards by the end of the study. These findings indicate that predictive models offer a reliable approach for early identification of struggling students, enabling timely and impactful interventions.

Table 4. Predictive Model Metrics

Metric	Value
Predictive Model Accuracy	85%
Success Rate for At-Risk Students	68%

The data in Table 4 presents two key metrics that highlight the predictive model's effectiveness in supporting students at risk of academic difficulties. The 85% accuracy rate of the predictive model indicates that the logistic regression and decision tree algorithms were highly successful in identifying students who were likely to encounter academic challenges. This level of accuracy is crucial, as it enables educators to confidently rely on the model's outputs to make timely and well-informed intervention decisions. An accuracy of 85% signifies that the model can distinguish with high reliability between students who may struggle and those likely to meet academic expectations, thereby minimizing the risk of unnecessary interventions for students who are already performing well.

Additionally, the 68% success rate for at-risk students provides evidence of the model's positive impact on student outcomes. This metric indicates that nearly seven out of ten students who were identified as at-risk and received targeted support were able to meet or exceed academic standards by the end of the study. This success rate underscores the value of early intervention based on predictive insights, as it demonstrates that timely support can significantly improve the academic trajectories of students who might otherwise continue to underperform. The 68% success rate reflects the potential of predictive analytics not only to identify issues early but also to enable effective remedial actions that yield measurable improvements in student performance.

Overall, these metrics affirm the utility of predictive analytics in educational settings, illustrating that data science techniques such as logistic regression and decision trees are capable of delivering actionable insights. By achieving high accuracy in identification and demonstrating tangible benefits for at-risk students, the predictive model provides a framework that educational institutions can adopt to proactively address student needs and promote academic success.

4.3. Student Feedback on Personalized Learning Interventions

Feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive, particularly among those who experienced significant academic improvements. Surveys revealed that 75% of students reported higher satisfaction with the personalized support they received, citing tailored feedback as a major contributor to their improved focus and engagement. Furthermore, 82% of students indicated that personalized learning interventions increased their motivation and sense of self-efficacy. These students reported feeling more empowered in their learning journey, which contributed to a stronger sense of achievement. Among students who received targeted tutoring, 65% found the support highly beneficial in understanding complex concepts, further enhancing their overall academic experience.

Table 5. Positive Feedback for Different Aspects

Aspect	Positive Feedback (%)
Overall Satisfaction	75%
Motivation and Self-Efficacy	82%
Effectiveness of Tutoring	65%

Table 5 provides detailed insights into the positive feedback received from students on various aspects of the personalized learning interventions. The 75% satisfaction rate indicates a high level of approval among students regarding the individualized support they received. This substantial suggests that the personalized feedback not only met students' academic needs but also enhanced their focus and engagement with learning material. The high satisfaction level demonstrates the perceived value of tailored learning experiences in helping students feel supported and aligned with their learning goals. The 82% positive response regarding motivation and self-efficacy reveals that the personalized learning approach substantially impacted students' intrinsic motivation and confidence in their academic abilities. This aspect of feedback underscores that personalized interventions not only aid in academic progress but also play a crucial role in building students' self-belief, which is essential for long-term academic growth. Students who feel more empowered and motivated are more likely to take an active role in their learning, setting the stage for improved self-directed learning and sustained academic performance.

Additionally, the 65% positive feedback on the effectiveness of targeted tutoring highlights the role of direct support in addressing challenging subjects or complex concepts. This indicates that more than half of the students who participated in tutoring found it highly beneficial, reinforcing the importance of targeted academic assistance as part of a comprehensive personalized learning strategy. The tutoring sessions were particularly effective for students who needed additional guidance, providing them with the necessary tools and confidence to overcome academic obstacles and achieve their learning objectives. Overall, these percentages collectively demonstrate the positive impact of personalized learning interventions on student satisfaction, motivation, and academic comprehension. The high levels of approval across these aspects suggest that personalized support strategies contribute to a more engaging, motivating, and effective learning environment.

4.4. Teacher Observations on the Impact of Data-Driven Interventions

Teacher observations reinforced the findings from quantitative data, providing additional insight into the impact of data-driven interventions on student engagement and classroom behavior. Teachers observed that students who participated in personalized interventions demonstrated higher engagement levels, with a 30% increase in class participation and timely assignment submissions. Educators also noted that these students showed more confidence in their academic abilities, aligning with the feedback on motivation and self-efficacy. Furthermore, a notable decrease in dropout intent was observed, with a 20% reduction in dropout rates among at-risk students who received tailored support. These observations highlight the positive effect of data-driven approaches not only on academic performance but also on students' overall engagement and persistence.

Table 6 highlights the key improvements observed by teachers as a result of data-driven interventions. The 30% increase in classroom participation indicates that students receiving personalized support were not

Table 6. Improvement in Key Observations

Observation	Improvement (%)
Classroom Participation	30%
Reduction in Dropout Rates	20%

only more engaged but also more proactive in their learning process. This rise in participation reflects a shift in student behavior, with these students contributing more actively to discussions, asking questions, and completing assignments on time. The increased classroom involvement is a positive indicator of the effectiveness of data-driven interventions in fostering a more interactive and engaging learning environment.

The 20% reduction in dropout rates among at-risk students further underscores the significance of targeted support. For students identified as at risk of academic underperformance, personalized interventions provided a structured support system, which helped them stay on track with their studies. This reduction in dropout intent is particularly impactful, as it suggests that data-driven approaches not only improve academic engagement but also encourage students to persevere through challenges. By providing timely and personalized resources, educators could successfully motivate at-risk students to continue their educational journey, reflecting the broader impact of data science on student retention.

Together, these observations provide a comprehensive view of how data-driven interventions positively influence both student engagement and academic persistence. The improvements in classroom participation and reduction in dropout rates demonstrate that data science has the potential to transform educational practices, supporting students in a way that fosters sustained involvement and academic resilience. These findings align with the quantitative data, showing that data-driven strategies effectively address both academic and motivational aspects of student learning, ultimately contributing to a more supportive and adaptive learning environment.

4.5. Overall Impact of Data Science on Learning Outcomes

The application of data science techniques in this study has demonstrated a profound positive impact on both individual and institutional learning outcomes. By leveraging predictive analytics, personalized learning pathways, and targeted interventions, this study has shown that data-driven strategies can significantly enhance academic performance and engagement. Specifically, students who received data-driven support experienced an average 15% increase in grades compared to their baseline measurements. This improvement suggests that when learning is personalized through data insights, students are better equipped to address their learning gaps and focus on areas that require more attention, leading to higher academic achievement.

Engagement metrics also showed marked improvement, with a 25% increase in student interaction with learning resources, including login frequency and time spent on academic platforms. This elevated engagement indicates that personalized interventions not only improve students' academic abilities but also increase their motivation to participate actively in their education. By making learning experiences more relevant and accessible, data-driven strategies foster a learning environment where students are more likely to invest time and effort. Higher engagement, as demonstrated in this study, is a critical factor in promoting sustained academic success, as it reflects students' willingness to take ownership of their learning process.

The predictive analytics models used in this study further exemplified the practical application of data science in education. With an accuracy rate of 85%, the predictive models effectively identified at-risk students early in the academic term, allowing educators to implement timely and personalized interventions. The success of these interventions is evident in the 68% success rate among at-risk students who were able to meet or exceed academic standards by the end of the study period. These findings highlight the reliability of predictive analytics as a proactive tool in educational settings, enabling institutions to address potential academic challenges before they negatively impact student performance. The predictive models thus serve as a vital component in a comprehensive data science strategy, where early identification and support for at-risk students contribute to a more inclusive and supportive academic environment. Qualitative feedback from students and observations from educators provided additional depth to these quantitative findings. Students reported high levels of satisfaction with the personalized support they received, with a majority noting that tailored feedback and targeted tutoring enhanced their motivation and self-confidence. Educators observed parallel improvements in classroom engagement, with students who received data-driven interventions participating more actively and demonstrating a stronger commitment to completing assignments. These observations underscore the trans-

formative potential of data science in creating educational environments that are more responsive to students' individual needs, fostering a culture of learning that emphasizes both academic and personal growth.

Collectively, the results of this study reveal that data science holds significant promise in the field of education. By enhancing academic performance, boosting engagement, and providing early support for at-risk students, data-driven approaches contribute to a more adaptive and personalized educational system. The high levels of satisfaction, motivation, and confidence reported by students further suggest that data science interventions do not only address academic needs but also support holistic development. These findings suggest a pathway for future educational practices where data science is used to continually improve and adapt learning experiences, ultimately fostering environments that better support diverse learning styles and promote long-term academic success.

5. CONCLUSION

This study demonstrates that integrating data science in educational environments significantly enhances student learning outcomes by providing personalized support and data-driven interventions. The use of predictive analytics allowed for early identification of at-risk students, while targeted interventions such as personalized learning pathways and tutoring contributed to notable improvements in engagement and academic performance. Over the course of two academic years, students who received data-driven support showed a 15% increase in grades, coupled with a 25% rise in engagement metrics. These results affirm the potential of data science to not only predict but also positively influence student success in a structured educational setting.

Furthermore, feedback from both students and educators emphasized the effectiveness of personalized learning experiences. Students reported higher levels of satisfaction, motivation, and self-efficacy, with 75% expressing a positive response to the tailored learning pathways. Teachers observed increased engagement and participation among these students, noting that data-informed interventions fostered a more interactive and supportive classroom environment. Collectively, these findings highlight that data science can transform educational practices, enabling a shift toward more responsive and individualized support systems that adapt to each student's learning needs.

While the research answers key questions on the impact of data science on learning outcomes, it also has certain limitations. The study was conducted within a single educational institution, which may limit the generalizability of the findings. Additionally, the longitudinal design, while valuable for tracking progress over time, spanned only two academic years, leaving the long-term effects of data-driven interventions on academic performance and engagement unexamined. The predictive model's effectiveness also relies on historical data, which may limit adaptability when applied to different institutional settings or diverse student populations.

Future research could expand on these findings by conducting studies across a broader range of educational institutions to evaluate the generalizability of data science interventions. Extending the longitudinal approach to observe effects over a longer duration would also provide insights into the lasting impact of data science on student success. Future studies could incorporate additional variables, such as emotional and social factors, which may affect academic performance, to further refine predictive models. These enhancements would contribute to developing a comprehensive framework for applying data science in education, maximizing its potential to support diverse student needs and promote equitable access to personalized learning support.

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