

## ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT METHODS IN MODERN CLASSROOMS

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**Annotation:** This article explores alternative assessment methods in modern classrooms, focusing on their role in improving student learning and engagement. Traditional testing methods are often limited in measuring students' overall abilities, while alternative assessment provides a more comprehensive evaluation of skills. The study examines different forms such as portfolios, peer assessment, self-assessment, project-based evaluation, and performance tasks. It also highlights the importance of feedback, learner autonomy, and continuous assessment. Overall, the article emphasizes that alternative assessment methods create a more student-centered and effective learning environment.

**Keywords:** alternative assessment, formative assessment, portfolios, peer assessment, student-centered learning

**Аннотация:** В статье рассматриваются альтернативные методы оценивания в современных классах. Анализируются такие формы, как портфолио, самооценка и проектная работа, а также их влияние на обучение.

**Ключевые слова:** альтернативное оценивание, обучение, портфолио, самооценка

**Annotatsiya:** Ushbu maqolada zamonaviy sinflarda muqobil baholash usullari tahlil qilinadi. Portfel, o'z-o'zini baholash va loyihaviy baholash kabi usullar ko'rib chiqiladi.

**Kalit so'zlar:** muqobil baholash, ta'lim, portfel, baholash

Assessment is an essential component of the educational process, as it helps measure students' learning outcomes and guides instructional decisions. In traditional classrooms, assessment has often been limited to standardized tests and written exams. However, modern education emphasizes the need for more flexible and comprehensive evaluation methods. Alternative assessment has emerged as an effective approach to address these needs [1, p. 25].

Alternative assessment refers to methods that evaluate students' learning through real-life tasks, continuous observation, and active participation. These methods focus not only on final results but also on the learning process. According to educational research, alternative assessment provides a more accurate picture of students' abilities and progress [2, p. 47].

One of the most widely used forms of alternative assessment is portfolio assessment. A portfolio is a collection of students' work that demonstrates their progress over time. It allows teachers to evaluate creativity, effort, and improvement. Studies show that portfolios encourage reflection and self-awareness among learners [3, p. 62].

Another important method is peer assessment, where students evaluate each other's work. This approach promotes collaboration and critical thinking. It also helps learners understand assessment criteria more clearly. Researchers note that peer assessment improves both learning outcomes and communication skills [1, p. 33].

Self-assessment is also a key component of alternative evaluation. It encourages learners to reflect on their own performance and identify strengths and weaknesses. This method develops

learner autonomy and responsibility. According to scholars, self-assessment plays a significant role in lifelong learning [2, p. 54].

Project-based assessment is another effective strategy. Students complete tasks such as presentations, research projects, or group activities. These tasks require the application of knowledge in practical situations. As a result, learners develop problem-solving skills and creativity [3, p. 70].

In addition, performance-based assessment focuses on real-life skills such as speaking, writing, and collaboration. This type of assessment is particularly useful in language learning, as it evaluates communicative competence rather than memorization. Despite these advantages, alternative assessment also presents challenges. It requires more time, clear criteria, and careful planning. Teachers need training to implement these methods effectively. Moreover, subjective evaluation may sometimes affect reliability [1, p. 40].

However, when properly implemented, alternative assessment creates a more engaging and meaningful learning environment. It supports continuous learning and provides valuable feedback for both teachers and students.

#### Conclusion

In conclusion, alternative assessment methods play a vital role in modern classrooms. They provide a more comprehensive evaluation of students' abilities and promote active learning. Methods such as portfolios, peer assessment, self-assessment, and project-based tasks enhance student engagement and autonomy.

Although there are some challenges, the benefits of alternative assessment outweigh its limitations. Therefore, educators should integrate these methods into their teaching practices to improve the quality of education and support student development [1,2].

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