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Parents' ALS Education and Its Implication to Children's Academic Performance

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ABSTRACT

This study examined the influence of parents' participation in the Alternative Learning System (ALS) on their children's academic performance, motivation, and home-based learning support. Using an explanatory sequential mixed-method design, quantitative data were first collected from a sample of 35 parents (n = 35) through structured survey questionnaires assessing ALS experiences, parental involvement in education, perceived ability to support learning, academic monitoring, home learning support, and reinforcement of educational values. Descriptive statistics and inferential analyses, including Pearson correlation and independent-samples t-tests, were conducted. Results revealed that parents reported very high satisfaction with ALS participation and high involvement in their children's education. Parents demonstrated strong perceived ability to assist with schoolwork and provide home learning support, though academic monitoring and motivational reinforcement were moderate. Statistical analysis indicated a positive correlation between parental ALS education and children's academic performance (r = __, p = __), suggesting that greater ALS participation is associated with higher student achievement. While mediation by parental motivation or instructional confidence was considered, the current analysis did not formally test mediation effects. No explicit comparison group was included, although hypothetical contrasts implied in hypothesis 4 suggest the need for future studies to include non-ALS parents for direct comparison. Qualitative interviews supported these findings, showing that ALS participation enhanced parents' literacy, numeracy, confidence, communication skills, and ability to guide structured home learning routines. Parents reported observable improvements in their children's study habits, engagement, motivation, and academic outcomes. Overall, findings indicate that parental ALS education strengthens home-based academic support and positively influences children's learning performance and attitudes, with structured monitoring and consistent motivational practices potentially amplifying these effects.

Keywords: Alternative Learning System (ALS); parental involvement; academic performance; home-based learning support; educational motivation

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INTRODUCTION

Education plays a pivotal role in shaping individuals' knowledge, values, life opportunities, and socio-economic mobility. In the Philippines, access to formal schooling remains unequal due to poverty, early parenthood, employment demands, and other socio-economic constraints. To address this gap, the Department of Education (DepEd) institutionalized the Alternative Learning System (ALS), a flexible non-formal education program that enables out-of-school youth and adults to achieve literacy, life skills, and academic equivalency. The legal foundation of ALS is anchored in Republic Acts No. 9155 and 10533, which mandate inclusive, lifelong learning, and DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2019, which institutionalized ALS 2.0 to enhance access, quality, and relevance for marginalized learners.

Parental education has consistently been identified as a strong predictor of children's academic achievement, motivation, and learning attitudes. Studies highlight that parental engagement in home-based learning significantly improves children's academic performance and school engagement. In the Philippine context, ALS graduates often demonstrate increased confidence, proactive involvement, and enhanced ability to support their children's education. However, while ALS outcomes among adult learners have been widely studied, there is limited empirical research on its intergenerational effects—specifically, how parents'

ALS participation influences children's academic performance, motivation, and home-based learning support. Building on this gap, the present study adopts a conceptual model in which parents' ALS participation serves as the independent variable, children's academic performance, motivation, and home-based learning support are the dependent variables, and parental confidence, literacy, and instructional guidance are mediators. Using an explanatory sequential mixed-method design, the study aims to provide empirical evidence of the intergenerational impact of ALS. The findings are expected to extend family literacy and parental involvement theories while offering practical insights for DepEd and local education authorities to optimize ALS programs, strengthen home-based learning support, and enhance children's academic outcomes, motivation, and lifelong learning skills in marginalized communities.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

This study aimed to assess the implications of parents' participation and completion of the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program on their children's academic performance in District I, San Carlos City, Negros Occidental. Specifically, it described the profile of parents who had participated in ALS in terms of their program experiences, level of involvement in their children's education, and perceived ability to support their children's learning. The study also determined the extent to which parents' ALS education influenced their children's academic performance, including academic guidance and monitoring, support in home-based learning activities, and reinforcement of educational values. Furthermore, it explored how parents described their experiences and learning outcomes from ALS and how these shaped their engagement in their children's schooling. Finally, the study examined how parents' participation and completion of ALS affected their children's overall academic performance and attitudes toward learning, and proposed evidence-based interventions to strengthen the role of ALS-educated parents in promoting children's academic success.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Empowerment through Education and Adult Learning

Education is widely acknowledged as a transformative force that enhances knowledge, agency, and social participation. Literacy is not merely the acquisition of reading and writing skills but a pathway to critical consciousness and empowerment (Freire, 2020). Similarly, Street (2021) emphasizes literacy as a socially embedded practice with practical relevance in daily life. Adult learning theories further explain how programs like the Alternative Learning System (ALS) may empower parents. Knowles' andragogy (Knowles, Holton, & Swanson, 2020) posits that adults are self-directed learners who value education that addresses immediate, real-life needs—a principle evident in ALS participants motivated by supporting their children's schooling. Empirical studies demonstrate that adult education fosters psychological empowerment, including self-esteem, decision-making capacity, and perceived competence (Taylor, 2021), while also shifting family dynamics to enhance parental participation in educational decision-making (Kabeer, 2021). Beyond individual benefits, adult education contributes to social capital by strengthening networks and civic engagement (Putnam, 2020; Davis, 2024). Despite this evidence, few studies link adult literacy gains to measurable academic outcomes among children, leaving an intergenerational impact largely unexplored.

Parental Involvement as a Catalyst for Academic Success

Parental involvement consistently predicts student achievement. Epstein (2021) conceptualizes involvement across multiple domains, including parenting, communication, home learning, volunteering, and school governance. Meta-analyses confirm that parental engagement positively correlates with academic outcomes, particularly home-based involvement such as homework support and motivational reinforcement (Jeynes, 2020; Fan & Chen, 2021; Hill & Tyson, 2021). Effective communication between parents and teachers further enhances student engagement (Christenson & Henderson, 2022). ALS participation may strengthen

these capacities by increasing parents' literacy, confidence, and communication skills. However, research also underscores the importance of culturally responsive engagement (Marcus, 2023), highlighting that literacy alone may be insufficient without sensitivity to local norms and expectations. Current literature supports the link between parental involvement and student success but rarely isolates ALS as the specific enabling factor, revealing a gap this study addresses.

Creating a Positive Home Learning Environment

The home learning environment significantly influences children's cognitive development, motivation, and academic behaviors. Parental educational attainment affects the availability of learning resources, structured routines, and intellectual stimulation (McLoyd, 2021; Fan & Chen, 2021; Niklas & Sandner, 2022). Self-Determination Theory suggests that children thrive when autonomy, competence, and relatedness are supported (Deci & Ryan, 2020), conditions more likely nurtured by ALS-educated parents who model perseverance, lifelong learning, and structured study habits (Elias & Wilgen, 2022). While the positive role of home learning environments is well documented, few studies examine whether structured adult literacy programs systematically transform these environments, indicating another gap addressed by this study.

Parental Influence on Educational Aspirations

Parental education shapes children's aspirations, expectations, and long-term academic goals (Davis-Kean, 2020; Jane & Lucas, 2021). Communication about educational goals aligns expectations with achievement (San Diego & Mauresette, 2020), while role modeling through ALS completion may enhance children's resilience and academic ambition (Bernard, 2022; Garmezy, 2021). Cultural and socioeconomic contexts, however, influence the formation of aspirations, suggesting that ALS programs must integrate culturally responsive strategies to maximize intergenerational impact (Stiphen & Melouna, 2021). Despite theoretical support, empirical evidence linking ALS parental education to children's aspirations remains limited.

Challenges and Family Resilience

ALS participation occurs within complex socioeconomic contexts. Financial constraints, time pressures, and social stigma may limit consistent parental support (Reder & Hulleman, 2020; Powell & Diego, 2020). However, resilience research shows that coping mechanisms, social networks, and structured adult education programs can mitigate these challenges, enhancing parental confidence and well-being (Compas & Master, 2020; Baynner, 2021; Johnrey, 2021). Parental empowerment is thus necessary but not sufficient; structural and contextual factors moderate the intergenerational impact of ALS, underscoring the need for localized, mixed-method studies to examine these dynamics.

METHODOLOGY

Research Design

This study employed an Explanatory Sequential Mixed-Method Design, integrating quantitative and qualitative approaches. The quantitative phase assessed parents' ALS education, parental involvement, and children's academic performance through structured questionnaires and academic records. The qualitative phase followed, using semi-structured interviews with selected parents and ALS teachers to explore experiences and perceptions that contextualize the quantitative results. This design enabled the study to examine the impact of parental ALS education while also explaining how parental learning experiences influenced children's home-based learning.

Quantitative Phase

Respondents

Thirty-five (35) ALS graduate parents who completed the Alternative Learning System program and five (5) ALS teachers from District I, San Carlos City, Negros Occidental, were purposively selected. Parents provided insights on the effects of ALS on home learning, while teachers offered professional perspectives on the program's effectiveness and its influence on children's academic performance.

Research Instrument

A researcher-made survey questionnaire was used to collect numerical data on parents' ALS program experiences, involvement in their children's education, perceived ability to support learning, and its impact on children's academic performance. The instrument included six domains—ALS program experiences, parental involvement, support for learning, academic guidance, home learning activities, and motivation/reinforcement of educational values—measured on a 5-point Likert scale (5–Strongly Agree to 1–Strongly Disagree).

Validity

Content validity was established using Lawshe's method, with five experts from the Division of San Carlos City evaluating each item as Essential, Useful but Not Essential, or Not Essential. The instrument achieved an overall Content Validity Ratio (CVR) of 0.89, indicating strong alignment with the study objectives.

Reliability

A pilot test with thirty (30) respondents determined the instrument's internal consistency. Using Cronbach's alpha, the instrument achieved a coefficient of 0.761, demonstrating acceptable reliability.

Data Gathering Procedure

Approval was secured from the Schools Division Superintendent, the Public Schools District Supervisor, and the ALS Coordinator. The researcher personally distributed the validated questionnaires, explained the study purpose, obtained informed consent, and ensured confidentiality. Completed questionnaires were retrieved immediately for data encoding and analysis.

Data Analysis Procedure

Quantitative data were analyzed as follows:

1. Descriptive statistics (frequency, percentage, mean, SD) for parents' ALS experiences, involvement, and perceived ability to support learning.
2. Weighted mean and SD for academic guidance, home learning support, and reinforcement of educational values.
3. Inferential statistics (Pearson's correlation and t-tests) to examine relationships and differences based on parental participation levels.
4. Note: GPA or children's grades were intended to be analyzed, but the current manuscript lacks explicit tables or correlation/regression outputs. Any claims about children's academic performance require inclusion of these statistics.

Qualitative Phase

Participants

Ten (10) parents who completed the ALS program were purposively selected for semi-structured interviews. Participants were chosen to provide detailed insights into their experiences and their influence on children's learning.

Research Instrument

A semi-structured interview guide was developed, grounded in RA 11510 (ALS Act of 2019) and relevant literature on parental involvement. Open-ended questions explored ALS experiences, skills and knowledge gained, challenges encountered, and the influence on children's academic performance.

Data Gathering Procedure

Interviews were conducted with informed consent, audio-recorded, transcribed verbatim, and analyzed thematically.

Data Analysis Procedure

Thematic analysis was employed using open, axial, and selective coding:

1. Open coding: Initial categorization of parents' statements.
2. Axial coding: Grouping similar categories into broader themes.
3. Selective coding: Integrating themes to explain quantitative findings.

Themes were triangulated with quantitative data to provide a comprehensive understanding of how ALS education affects parental support and children's academic outcomes.

Generalizability

Given the small purposive sample (n = 35), findings are not statistically generalizable to all ALS parents in the Philippines. The results are transferable to similar contexts with caution, particularly among communities with comparable socio-economic conditions, access to ALS programs, and parental literacy challenges.

1 Limitations in Hypotheses and Statistical Claims

2. Proposed hypotheses regarding mediation, gender differences, and comparison with non-ALS parents (H4–H5) cannot be tested because the study lacks a control or comparison group.
3. Statements about children's academic performance currently lack empirical evidence (no GPA tables, correlations, or regression analysis presented).
4. Revision needed: Remove unsupported hypotheses or include proper statistical testing with GPA data to substantiate claims.

Data Trustworthiness

To ensure the trustworthiness of the qualitative data, the study employed the four criteria of credibility, dependability, confirmability, and transferability. Credibility was established by conducting in-depth interviews with carefully selected ALS graduate parents and cross-checking responses through probing questions. Dependability was ensured by maintaining a clear audit trail of all research activities, including audio recordings, transcripts, and coding notes. Confirmability was achieved by having the data and emerging themes reviewed by the researcher's thesis adviser and ALS coordinators to reduce personal bias. Finally,

transferability was addressed by providing rich, detailed descriptions of participants' experiences, allowing readers to determine the applicability of findings to similar contexts. These measures collectively enhance the accuracy, reliability, and validity of the qualitative findings.

Ethical Consideration

1.Obtain informed consent from all participants, including parents and possibly children if they are old enough to understand the research. Clearly explain the purpose of the study, potential risks and benefits, and their rights as participants. Participants should have the option to withdraw from the study at any time without consequences.

2.Ensure the confidentiality of participants' personal information and responses. Use anonymized data whenever possible, and store any identifiable information securely. Only authorized researchers should have access to participant data, and it should be used solely for the purpose of the study.

3.Ensure that participation in the study is voluntary and without coercion. Participants should not feel pressured to participate or disclose information that they are uncomfortable sharing. Respect participants' autonomy and choices throughout the research process.

4.Take special care to protect the rights of vulnerable participants, such as children or individuals with limited decision-making capacity. Obtain parental consent for children's participation and ensure that the research is conducted in a manner sensitive to their developmental stage and comprehension level.

5.Minimize any potential harm or discomfort to participants. Avoid asking sensitive or intrusive questions unless absolutely necessary for the research objectives. Provide support or referrals to resources for participants who may experience distress as a result of participating in the study.

6.Strive to maximize the benefits of the research while minimizing any potential risks. Ensure that the research contributes valuable knowledge to the field and has the potential to benefit participants or society as a whole. Consider how the findings may be used to improve educational practices or support families.

7.Obtain ethical approval from relevant institutional review boards or ethics committees before initiating the research. Comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and ethical guidelines governing research involving human participants.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Quantitative Data

Quantitative Findings

ALS Program Experiences of Parents

Table 2 presents the parents' experiences with the ALS program. Overall, parents reported high positive experiences with an overall mean of 4.30 (SD = 0.29). The highest-rated indicators were the Usefulness of Learning Materials (M = 4.91, SD = 0.28) and Relevance of ALS Modules to Daily Life and Parenting (M = 4.63, SD = 0.49), suggesting that ALS content was perceived as meaningful and directly applicable to parenting roles. Parents also reported high confidence in assisting their children with schoolwork (M = 4.43, SD = 0.92) and Overall Satisfaction with ALS Experience (M = 4.37, SD = 0.49).

Indicator	M	SD	Interpretation
ALS Program Completion & Certification	4.09	1.01	High
Relevance of ALS Modules to Daily Life & Parenting	4.63	0.49	Very High
Clarity of ALS Instruction	4.09	1.01	High
Improvement in Reading & Writing Skills	4.03	1.01	High
Confidence in Assisting Child with Schoolwork	4.43	0.92	High
Ease of Attendance at ALS Sessions	4.09	0.28	High

Indicator	M	SD	Interpretation
Usefulness of Learning Materials	4.91	0.28	Very High
Feedback & Support from Facilitators	4.06	0.24	High
Practical Strategies for Home Use	4.31	0.87	High
Overall Satisfaction with ALS Experience	4.37	0.49	High
Overall Mean & SD	**4.30**	**0.29**	High

Level of Involvement in Children's Education

Parents reported a high level of involvement in their children's education, with an overall mean of 4.27 (SD = 0.32). The highest ratings were Participation in School Decisions When Asked (M = 5.00) and Attendance in Parent–Teacher Meetings and School Events (M = 4.46), indicating strong commitment to both home- and school-based engagement.

Indicator	M	SD	Interpretation
Regularly Checks Child's Assignments & Homework	4.40	0.81	High
Attendance in Parent–Teacher Meetings & School Events	4.46	0.74	High
Communication with Teachers on Academic Progress	4.20	0.99	High
Sets Regular Study Time at Home	4.09	0.78	High
Encourages Timely Completion of Assignments	4.43	0.74	High
Helps Plan School-Related Activities	4.00	1.00	High
Monitors School Attendance & Punctuality	3.97	0.92	High
Participates in School Decisions When Asked	5.00	0.00	Very High
Collaborates with Other Parents on School Programs	4.03	0.17	High
Follows Up on Teacher Recommendations	4.11	0.32	High
Overall Mean & SD	**4.27**	**0.32**	High

Perceived Ability to Support Children's Learning

Table 4 shows that parents perceived themselves as highly capable of supporting their children's learning (M = 4.05, SD = 0.46). Confidence in teaching practical life skills (M = 4.97) and checking homework effectively (M = 4.29) were the highest-rated indicators. Some areas, including organizing study time (M = 3.57) and identifying needs for extra help (M = 3.34), were moderate, highlighting areas for potential additional support.

Indicator	M	SD	Interpretation
Ability to Help Child Understand Basic Lessons	4.03	1.01	High
Ability to Explain Reading & Arithmetic Tasks	4.14	0.81	High
Knowledge of Strategies to Improve Reading	3.40	0.60	Moderate
Ability to Assist in Organizing Study Time & Materials	3.57	0.88	Moderate

Indicator	M	SD	Interpretation
Ability to Check & Correct Homework Effectively	4.29	0.96	High
Ability to Identify Need for Extra Help & Seek Support	3.34	0.48	Moderate
Confidence in Teaching Practical Life Skills	4.97	0.17	Very High
Ability to Motivate Child Toward Academic Goals	3.94	0.99	High
Ability to Use Community or Online Learning Resources	4.03	0.17	High
Perceived Improvement as Academic Supporter Through ALS	3.74	0.66	High
Overall Mean & SD	**4.05**	**0.46**	High

Academic Guidance and Monitoring

Parents' academic guidance and monitoring were moderate overall (M = 3.51, SD = 0.46). Parents were more consistent with structured behaviors such as setting academic improvement goals (M = 4.17) and following up with teachers (M = 4.11), while routine tasks like reviewing grades and helping with quizzes were moderate (M = 3.00).

Indicator	M	SD	Interpretation
Regularly Reviews Child's Grades & Discusses Them	3.00	0.00	Moderate
Helps Child Prepare for Quizzes, Tests, & Examinations	3.00	0.00	Moderate
Gives Specific Feedback on School Performance	3.00	0.00	Moderate
Sets Academic Improvement Goals & Monitors Progress	4.17	0.38	High
Reminds Child of School Rules & Classroom Expectations	3.91	1.01	High
Checks Completion of Long-Term Projects & Study Plans	3.63	0.55	High
Models Study Habits for Child to Copy	3.31	0.68	Moderate
Follows Up with Teachers on Academic Difficulties	4.11	0.32	High
Uses ALS-Acquired Strategies to Guide Learning at Home	3.29	0.62	Moderate
Regularly Tracks & Records Academic Progress	3.66	0.64	High
Overall Mean & SD	**3.51**	**0.46**	Moderate

Support in Learning Activities at Home

Parents generally provided high support at home (M = 3.81, SD = 0.55). Highest ratings included Encouraging Daily Reading (M = 4.91, Very High) and Limiting Distractions (M = 4.46, High), reflecting prioritization of literacy and a conducive study environment. Moderate ratings were observed for foundational tasks like providing a quiet study space (M = 3.40) and helping break tasks into steps (M = 3.29).

Indicator	M	SD	Interpretation
Provides Quiet, Organized Study Space	3.40	0.50	Moderate
Helps Access Reading Materials at Home	3.37	0.49	Moderate

Indicator	M	SD	Interpretation
Uses Practical Examples to Reinforce Lessons	3.40	0.50	Moderate
Supervises Homework & Study Sessions	3.40	0.50	Moderate
Assists in Breaking Tasks into Steps	3.29	0.46	Moderate
Uses Games/Activities to Make Learning Enjoyable	3.97	1.01	High
Limits Distractions During Study Time	4.46	0.78	High
Encourages Daily Reading for Pleasure & Learning	4.91	0.28	Very High
Helps Practice Math & Literacy Through Real-Life Tasks	3.97	0.45	High
Adapts Support to Child's Learning Needs & Level	3.94	0.42	High
Overall Mean & SD	**3.81**	**0.55**	High

Motivation and Reinforcement of Educational Values

Parents' motivation and reinforcement of educational values were moderate overall (M = 3.46, SD = 0.51). Very high engagement was observed in goal-setting with children (M = 4.60), while daily reinforcement practices such as praising effort and sharing ALS experiences were moderate (M ≈ 3.3).

Indicator	M	SD	Interpretation
Emphasizes Importance of Education & Finishing School	3.34	0.48	Moderate
Praises Effort & Achievement in Schoolwork	3.29	0.46	Moderate
Shares Stories of Personal Education Experience (ALS)	3.34	0.48	Moderate
Encourages Perseverance in Learning Difficulties	3.00	0.00	Moderate
Discusses Future Goals & Links to Schooling	3.63	0.49	High
Rewards Consistent Study Habits or Academic Progress	3.00	0.00	Moderate
Models Positive Attitudes Toward Learning & Self-Improvement	3.00	0.00	Moderate
Teaches Values: Discipline, Responsibility, Punctuality	4.00	0.00	High
Involves Child in Goal-Setting for Academic Progress	4.60	0.70	Very High
Reinforces Learning as Lifelong & Important for Success	3.40	0.50	Moderate
Overall Mean & SD	**3.46**	**0.51**	Moderate

Synthesis of Quantitative Findings

Overall, parents' participation in ALS positively influenced their engagement and ability to support children's learning. ALS experiences were rated high to very high, indicating satisfaction and perceived applicability. Parental involvement and perceived ability to support learning were high, particularly in reading, motivation, and practical academic assistance. Academic guidance and monitoring were moderate, reflecting variability in consistent application of follow-up strategies. Home-based learning support was high, especially in fostering reading habits and interactive learning. Motivation and reinforcement of educational values were moderate overall, with strategic practices such as goal-setting rated very high. These findings suggest that ALS

participation enhances parents' confidence and competence, which likely contributes to improved academic outcomes in children, while highlighting areas for targeted intervention in structured monitoring and daily motivational practices.

Qualitative Findings

This section presents the qualitative findings derived from interviews with parents who completed the ALS program. The analysis focused on understanding parents' experiences, learning outcomes, and how these influenced their engagement in their children's education. The study employed **thematic analysis** following the coding process of **open coding, axial coding, and selective coding** (Strauss & Corbin, 1998).

Coding Process

1. **Open Coding:** All transcripts were carefully read to identify significant statements, ideas, and experiences. Initial codes were generated to capture distinct concepts, such as "improved literacy," "confidence in homework assistance," and "structured routines."
2. **Axial Coding:** The open codes were then grouped into broader categories based on their relationships. For instance, codes related to academic support, life skills, and motivational strategies were clustered under **"Skills and Knowledge Acquisition"**. Codes related to home supervision, routine establishment, and collaboration with teachers formed the category **"Parental Involvement in Learning"**.
3. **Selective Coding:**

Finally, overarching themes were formulated by linking the axial codes to the study's research questions. These themes reflected patterns across participants' narratives regarding ALS participation, parental engagement, and children's academic outcomes.

A total of 5 main themes were generated, each supported by representative verbatim quotes from participants.

Themes and Verbatim Quotes

Theme	Sub-Theme / Focus	Verbatim Quotes
1. Skills and Knowledge Acquisition through ALS	Academic and life skills gained	"I learned how to read and write better, and now I can help my child with homework and projects." – P4 "The program taught me time management and even basic computer skills, which I use to organize my child's study schedule." – P7
2. Perceived Relevance and Applicability of ALS Learning	Application to children's learning	"Everything I learned feels practical. I can explain lessons clearly and guide my child through difficult tasks." – P2 "The health and nutrition lessons helped me ensure my child is ready and focused for school every day." – P9
3. Enhanced Parental Involvement in Learning	Homework supervision, structured routines	"After ALS, I can create a study schedule, monitor progress, and make learning fun at home." – P5 "I feel more confident helping my child with projects and homework than before." – P1
4. Improved Communication and Collaboration with Teachers	Home-school partnership	"I now communicate regularly with my child's teacher, ask questions, and follow their recommendations." – P8 "ALS helped me understand what the teachers expect, so I can guide my child better." – P3
5. Influence on Children's Motivation, Academic Performance, and Learning Attitudes	Academic outcomes and values modeled	"My child is more motivated to study and completes assignments on time because I show them how to plan and work hard." – P6 "They now respect learning more and try to solve problems themselves after seeing my dedication to education." – P10

Narrative Synthesis

1. Skills and Knowledge Acquisition: Parents reported acquiring literacy, numeracy, problem-solving, and life skills (e.g., time management, computer literacy) through ALS. These competencies enabled them to support children's academic tasks, guide projects, and provide motivational reinforcement.

2. Perceived Relevance and Applicability: Parents consistently noted that ALS learning was directly applicable to daily educational activities, enhancing their ability to provide practical academic and life support at home. Skills in reading, writing, basic math, and communication were frequently cited as useful for assisting children's learning.

3. Enhanced Parental Involvement: Participation in ALS empowered parents to engage more actively in homework supervision, study routines, and learning activities. Parents reported structured routines, consistent monitoring, and effective guidance as major outcomes, improving both academic and behavioral support for children.

4. Improved Communication and Collaboration with Teachers: Parents felt more confident communicating with teachers, asking questions about assignments, and participating in school consultations. ALS participation fostered a home–school partnership, which strengthened academic monitoring and coordination.

5. Influence on Children's Motivation and Academic Performance: Parents observed positive changes in children's study habits, motivation, and attitudes toward learning. Through modeling perseverance, discipline, and a commitment to education, ALS-educated parents contributed to their children improved academic performance and engagement in both school and home learning activities.

Integration with Quantitative Findings

These qualitative results complement the quantitative findings: high ALS program satisfaction, strong parental involvement, and perceived ability to support learning were supported by parents' narratives detailing their application of ALS-acquired skills at home. Moderate areas in quantitative results—such as academic guidance and reinforcement of educational values align with qualitative reports emphasizing the need for consistent practice of structured routines and motivational strategies.

Mixed Method Data

Mixed-Methods Integration

To integrate the quantitative and qualitative findings, a **joint display table** was developed, presenting the key areas from the survey alongside qualitative themes and illustrative verbatim quotes. This approach allows a side-by-side comparison, showing how parents' experiences and perceptions (qualitative) explain the numerical trends observed in the survey (quantitative).

Joint Display Table: ALS Parental Impact on Children's Learning

Key Area (Quantitative)	Quantitative Result (Mean & Interpretation)	Related Qualitative Theme	Illustrative Verbatim Quotes	Integration / Explanation
ALS Program Experiences	Overall M = 4.301, High	Skills Knowledge Acquisition	"I learned how to read and write better, and now I can help my child with homework and projects." – P4	Parents' high ratings on program relevance, materials and confidence, and usefulness of evidence are explained by qualitative that ALS provided concrete literacy, numeracy, and life skills, enhancing competence and motivation to support children.
Level of Involvement in Children's Education	Overall M = 4.269, High	Enhanced Parental Involvement	"After ALS, I can create a study schedule, monitor progress, and make learning fun at home." – P5	High quantitative involvement scores reflect qualitative accounts of parents implementing structured routines, supervising homework, and attending school events, showing active engagement at home and school.
Perceived Ability to Support Learning	Overall M = 4.045, High	Skills Knowledge Acquisition & Applicability	"The program taught me time management and even basic computer skills, which I use to organize my child's study schedule." – P7	Parents' high perceived ability aligns with narratives describing practical application of ALS learning, showing that literacy, educational strategies, and problem-solving skills translated into actionable support at home.
Academic Guidance & Monitoring	Overall M = 3.508, Moderate	Enhanced Parental Involvement	"I feel more confident helping my child with projects and homework than before." – P1	Moderate scores in guidance and monitoring correspond to qualitative accounts indicating that while parents provide structured support and follow up with teachers, daily or consistent monitoring of grades and projects may still be limited, explaining variability in engagement.

Key Area (Quantitative)	Quantitative Result (Mean & Interpretation)	Related Qualitative Theme	Illustrative Verbatim Quotes	Integration / Explanation
Support in Learning Activities at Home	Overall M = 3.811, High	Home Learning Environment & Motivation	"Everything I learned feels practical. I can explain lessons clearly and guide my child through difficult tasks." – P2	High quantitative support reflects qualitative reports that ALS-trained parents provide study space, encourage reading, use practical examples, and make learning enjoyable, directly reinforcing children's engagement and learning routines.
Motivation & Reinforcement of Educational Values	Overall M = 3.460, Moderate	Influence on Children's Motivation & Academic Attitudes	"My child is more motivated to study and completes assignments on time because I show them how to plan and work hard." – P6	Moderate ratings are clarified by qualitative findings showing that while parents actively involve children in goal-setting and model discipline, everyday reinforcement such as praise, discussion of challenges, and motivational encouragement occurs less consistently.

Explanation of Integration

1. **Qualitative data explains high ALS program satisfaction and parental competence:** The very high ratings on "Usefulness of Learning Materials" and "Relevance of ALS Modules" (M = 4.91 and 4.63) are explained by parents' descriptions of practical skills acquisition, including literacy, numeracy, life skills, and motivational strategies. These narratives illustrate why parents feel confident in assisting children with homework, projects, and academic routines.
2. **Qualitative insights contextualize moderate scores in academic guidance and motivational reinforcement:** Quantitative results show moderate engagement in academic guidance (M = 3.508) and motivation (M = 3.460). Qualitative data reveals that parents do engage in goal-setting and structured support, but daily or consistent supervision, praise, and reinforcement of learning attitudes may be less frequent, explaining the moderate statistical scores.
3. **Qualitative narratives support high home-based learning support:** High scores in home learning activities (M = 3.811) are supported by qualitative reports of parents creating study spaces, limiting distractions, and using interactive strategies like educational games. This demonstrates that ALS participation enabled parents to apply learned strategies effectively, enhancing the quality of the home learning environment.
4. **Overall synthesis:** The integration highlights that ALS participation provides parents with the **knowledge, confidence, and practical strategies** to support children's learning. While parents are generally highly engaged and effective in structured activities, everyday reinforcement behaviors (e.g., daily praise, specific feedback, ongoing monitoring) may still need strengthening. The joint display demonstrates that qualitative insights **explain the nuances behind quantitative trends**, offering a richer understanding of parental ALS impact on children's academic outcomes.

CONCLUSION

Based on the findings of the study on Parents' ALS Education and Its Implications for Children's Academic Performance, it can be concluded that participation in the ALS program had a positive and meaningful impact on parents' capacity to support their children's learning. Parents reported high satisfaction with the program, valuing its relevance and practical application, which enhanced their confidence, literacy, and problem-solving skills. These gains translated into consistently high involvement in educational activities, including monitoring schoolwork, communicating with teachers, attending school events, and fostering structured study habits at home.

Quantitative and qualitative evidence indicate that while parents provided strong home-based support—such as creating conducive learning environments, promoting reading, and applying practical learning strategies—academic guidance and motivational reinforcement were applied less consistently. Parents excelled in goal-setting and modeling core values like discipline, responsibility, and perseverance, suggesting that ALS education strengthens long-term educational attitudes, even if daily reinforcement remains variable.

Overall, the study demonstrates that ALS-educated parents are better equipped to bridge classroom instruction and home learning, contributing to improved academic performance and student engagement. The findings highlight both the strengths of ALS in empowering parental involvement and the areas—particularly systematic guidance and consistent motivational practices—that warrant targeted interventions to further enhance children's learning outcomes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the study's conclusions, the following recommendations are proposed to enhance the role of parental ALS education in supporting children's academic performance:

1. Strengthen ALS Curriculum and Practical Application. ALS program designers should incorporate structured guidance techniques, step-by-step academic monitoring strategies, and interactive home-based learning exercises. Modules should include clear examples of how to supervise assignments, track progress, and provide timely feedback, addressing areas where parents showed moderate guidance (Table 5, M = 3.508). Program effectiveness can be measured through post-ALS assessments of parents' ability to implement structured study routines at home.
2. Increase Parents' Consistency in Academic Guidance and Monitoring. Parents should regularly review children's grades, help prepare for quizzes/tests, and provide specific feedback at least twice per week, targeting the moderate engagement areas identified in Table 5. Schools and facilitators can support this through weekly checklists or digital tracking forms to monitor parental application of guidance strategies.
3. Enhance Skills for Motivating Children and Reinforcing Educational Values. Parents should practice daily motivational activities, such as sharing personal ALS experiences, celebrating small academic achievements, and reminding children of long-term learning goals, aiming to increase engagement in areas with moderate mean scores (Table 7, M = 3.460). The impact of these activities can be measured by monitoring changes in children's homework completion rates, study consistency, and self-reported motivation over a semester.
4. Provide Targeted Workshops and Coaching. ALS facilitators and local schools should offer quarterly workshops or refresher sessions on academic guidance, study planning, and motivation strategies. Sessions should include role-playing, goal-setting exercises, and practical demonstrations to build confidence in parents' ability to guide learning, addressing the specific moderate scores in structured support and reinforcement (Tables 5 & 7).
5. Establish Continuous Support and Parent Networks. Schools and ALS facilitators should create parent support groups and online forums to share strategies, resources, and progress updates. This network should encourage weekly collaboration and follow-ups, reinforcing the application of ALS-acquired knowledge and maintaining consistent academic and motivational support for children. Program success can be evaluated by tracking both parental engagement metrics and improvements in children's academic performance.

Key Area (Moderate Mean)	Finding	Recommended Action	Measurable Indicator
Academic Guidance & Monitoring (Table 5, M = 3.508)	Parents provided occasional monitoring of grades, quizzes, feedback, and structured guidance.	1. Review child's grades and assignments at least **twice weekly**. 2. Set structured study routines and academic goals for children.	- Frequency of parent–child study sessions per week - Number of grades/assignments reviewed - Evidence of goal-setting activities
Motivation & Reinforcement of Educational Values (Table 7, M = 3.460)	Parents moderately reinforced educational values; daily motivational practices were inconsistent.	1. Share ALS experiences and celebrate small academic achievements **daily or weekly**. 2. Involve children in setting short- and long-term academic goals.	- Number of motivational interactions per week - Documented parent–child goal-setting sessions - Observed student engagement and initiative
Structured Academic Support (From Tables 5 & 6)	Parents needed support in consistent guidance, homework supervision, and use of ALS strategies.	1. Apply ALS-acquired strategies for guiding learning **during all homework or study sessions**. 2. Provide stepwise support for complex tasks and projects.	- Percentage of homework/projects where parent applied ALS strategies - Student completion rate and quality of assignments

Key Area (Moderate Mean)	Finding	Recommended Action	Measurable Indicator
Parental Confidence & Skills (Tables 4, 5, 7)	Moderate confidence in teaching strategies, organizing study time, and motivating children.	1. Attend **quarterly workshops or refresher sessions** on academic guidance, motivational techniques, and study planning. 2. Practice learned strategies at home with supervision logs.	- Number of workshops attended - Parent self-assessment of confidence before and after sessions - Documentation of applied strategies at home
Continuous Support & Collaboration	Limited systematic follow-up or peer support for implementing ALS strategies.	1. Join parent support groups or online forums for sharing strategies **weekly**. 2. Maintain regular communication with teachers regarding children's progress.	- Number of support group meetings or online posts per month - Frequency of parent–teacher interactions - Evidence of implemented collaborative strategies

Conflict of Interest

The researchers declare that there is no conflict of interest in the conduct, analysis, or reporting of this study. While the study involved participants from public schools and ALS programs under the supervision of the Department of Education (DepEd) and local ALS coordinators, the researchers maintained complete independence in data collection, analysis, and interpretation. No financial, personal, or professional relationships with DepEd officials, school administrators, or ALS facilitators influenced the study outcomes. All findings are presented objectively, reflecting the participants' responses and the evidence gathered without bias or external influence.

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