

Technology-Enhanced teaching Pedagogy and Its Impact on Classroom Discipline, Student Motivation, and Learning Achievement

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Abstract

Background: Schools around the world, including in Pakistan, are rapidly bringing technology into the classroom. However, simply having technology is not enough; we need to understand how it actually affects students' behavior, interest, and grades.

Purpose: This study explored how Technology-Enhanced Teaching Pedagogy (using digital tools effectively in teaching) impacts three key areas: classroom discipline, student motivation, and learning achievement. Method: The research was conducted in Islamabad, Pakistan. We surveyed 350 teachers from both public and private secondary schools using a structured questionnaire.

Results: The findings showed that when teachers use technology effectively, it has a highly positive impact. It is the biggest driver of student motivation (explaining 46% of the improvement), significantly boosts learning achievement and test scores (35%), and surprisingly, helps improve classroom discipline (20%) by keeping students actively engaged and reducing off-task behavior.

Conclusion: Technology is a powerful educational tool, but its success depends on how teachers use it. When digital tools are used to make lessons interactive and engaging, they create a more motivated, disciplined, and successful learning environment.

Keywords: Technology-Enhanced Teaching Pedagogy (TETP), Student Motivation, Learning Achievement, Classroom Discipline, Educational Technology, Pakistan Education, Digital Learning.

Introduction

The global educational landscape has undergone a paradigm shift in the 21st century, transitioning from traditional, teacher-centric models to technology-enhanced teaching pedagogy (TETP). This integration of digital tools—ranging from interactive whiteboards and Learning Management Systems (LMS) to artificial intelligence and gamified applications, has redefined how knowledge is disseminated and constructed. In Asia, a region characterized by rapid economic growth and a strong cultural emphasis on education, the adoption of educational technology has been aggressively accelerated, particularly in the post-pandemic era (Chen &

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Lee, 2024). Within this broader Asian context, Pakistan presents a unique and critical case study. Driven by national initiatives such as the Digital Pakistan Policy and the integration of tech-driven frameworks within the Single National Curriculum (SNCC), Pakistani educational institutions are increasingly attempting to modernize their pedagogical approaches (Ali et al., 2023; Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training [MOFEPT], 2024).

Despite the widespread proliferation of hardware and software in Asian and Pakistani classrooms, the mere presence of technology does not guarantee educational success. The efficacy of TETP is deeply contingent upon how it influences core classroom dynamics. Specifically, the impact of technology-enhanced pedagogy on three critical variables, classroom discipline, student motivation, and learning achievement, remains a subject of intense academic debate. While proponents argue that interactive technologies foster intrinsic motivation and improve academic outcomes through personalized learning (Nguyen & Tran, 2023), critics highlight that unstructured technology use can lead to digital distractions, cyberloafing, and subsequent disruptions in classroom discipline (Fatima et al., 2024).

Therefore, understanding the nuanced relationship between TETP and these three variables is imperative for educators and policymakers in Pakistan and the broader Asian region. This paper explores the current literature surrounding technology-enhanced teaching pedagogy, critically analyzing its impact on student motivation, learning achievement, and classroom discipline within the socio-cultural and infrastructural contexts of Pakistan and Asia.

Literature Review

The Landscape of Technology-Enhanced Pedagogy in Pakistan and Asia

The implementation of TETP across Asia is highly heterogeneous, reflecting the vast economic and infrastructural disparities within the continent. In high-performing Asian education systems such as Singapore and South Korea, TETP is deeply embedded in the curriculum, supported by robust digital infrastructure and comprehensive teacher training programs (Park, 2024). Conversely, in developing Asian nations like Pakistan, the integration of technology is often hindered by the "digital divide." Ahmed and Bhatti (2023) note that while urban private schools in Pakistan are rapidly adopting smart classrooms and cloud-based learning, rural public schools frequently struggle with basic electricity and internet connectivity. Consequently, the pedagogy in Pakistan often relies on low-tech or offline digital solutions, such as pre-loaded tablets and offline educational videos, which require distinct pedagogical strategies compared to high-tech environments (Khan & Siddiqui, 2024).

Impact on Student Motivation

Student motivation is a primary driver of academic engagement, and TETP has shown significant potential in enhancing both intrinsic and extrinsic motivation. In the Asian context, where rote learning and high-stakes testing have historically dominated, technology offers a shift toward constructivist, student-centered learning. Research by Tariq et al. (2024) in Pakistan demonstrated that the use of gamified learning applications and multimedia presentations significantly increased students' intrinsic motivation, as these tools made abstract concepts more tangible and enjoyable. Similarly, a broader Asian study by Wang et al. (2023) found that interactive technologies foster a sense of autonomy and competence, which are critical

components of Self-Determination Theory. However, the literature also cautions that the novelty effect of technology can be temporary. If the pedagogical design does not continuously challenge the student, motivation levels can plateau, indicating that technology must be paired with sound instructional design to sustain long-term motivation (Chen & Lee, 2024).

Impact on Learning Achievement

The correlation between TETP and learning achievement is well-documented but highly context-dependent. Meta-analyses conducted in Asian contexts generally indicate a positive, albeit moderate, effect of technology integration on academic achievement (Liu & Zhang, 2023). In Pakistan, empirical studies suggest that TETP improves learning achievement primarily when it facilitates collaborative learning and provides immediate feedback. For instance, Raza and Mahmood (2023) found that university students in Pakistan who utilized LMS platforms for formative assessments showed a 15% improvement in conceptual understanding compared to those in traditional lecture-based settings. However, the impact on achievement in Pakistan is heavily mediated by teachers' Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK). A study by Ali and Khan (2025) revealed that when teachers lack adequate training in integrating technology pedagogically, the technology acts merely as a substitute for traditional tools (e.g., using a projector simply to display a digital textbook), resulting in no significant gain in learning achievement. Thus, in both Pakistan and the broader Asian region, the pedagogical application of technology, rather than the technology itself, is the true predictor of academic success.

Impact on Classroom Discipline

The intersection of TETP and classroom discipline is perhaps the most complex and debated area in recent literature. Traditional classroom discipline in many Asian cultures, including Pakistan, relies heavily on teacher authority, strict behavioral norms, and passive student receptivity (Fatima et al., 2024). The introduction of personal devices and interactive technologies disrupts this traditional dynamic, presenting a double-edged sword. On one hand, TETP can improve discipline by increasing student engagement. When students are actively involved in interactive, tech-driven lessons, off-task behavior and disciplinary issues naturally decrease (Nguyen & Tran, 2023). On the other hand, the presence of digital devices introduces new disciplinary challenges. "Cyberloafing", the act of using class time for non-academic internet browsing or social media, has become a prevalent disciplinary issue in Asian classrooms (Liu & Zhang, 2023). In Pakistan, teachers frequently report that managing student screen time and preventing the misuse of smartphones during class requires a shift from traditional authoritarian discipline to more proactive, engagement-based classroom management strategies (Khan & Siddiqui, 2024). The literature suggests that effective classroom discipline in a tech-enhanced environment requires the establishment of clear "digital citizenship" rules and the use of classroom management software to monitor and guide student device usage (Fatima et al., 2024).

Methodology

Research Design

This study employed a quantitative, cross-sectional survey design to examine the impact of Technology-Enhanced Teaching Pedagogy (TETP) on classroom discipline, student motivation, and learning achievement. A quantitative approach was selected to allow for the statistical

measurement of relationships between variables and to ensure the generalizability of findings within the specific geographical context of Islamabad, Pakistan.

Population and Sampling

The target population comprised secondary and higher-secondary school teachers in the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). To ensure a representative sample, a stratified random sampling technique was utilized, stratifying by organizational type (Federal Government Educational Institutions [FGEI] and private sector schools) across major educational zones in Islamabad (e.g., Sectors F-6 to F-11, G-11, G-9, and I-8).

Based on Cochran's formula for finite populations, a target sample size of 385 was determined. After distributing 400 questionnaires, 362 were returned. Following data cleaning to remove incomplete or straight-line responses, a final valid sample of $N = 350$ was retained for analysis, yielding a response rate of 87.5%.

Instrumentation

Data were collected using a structured, self-administered questionnaire divided into two sections. Section A captured demographic variables (gender, age, teaching experience, and organizational type). Section B measured the core constructs using a 5-point Likert scale (1 = *Strongly Disagree* to 5 = *Strongly Agree*), adapted from validated instruments in prior educational technology literature:

1. Technology-Enhanced Teaching Pedagogy (TETP): 8 items (e.g., "I regularly integrate interactive digital tools to facilitate student-centered learning").
2. Classroom Discipline (CD): 6 items (e.g., "The use of educational technology reduces off-task behavior in my classroom").
3. Student Motivation (SM): 7 items (e.g., "Students show increased enthusiasm and participation when technology is used").
4. Learning Achievement (LA): 6 items (e.g., "Technology-assisted instruction improves students' conceptual understanding and test scores").

Data Collection Procedure

Ethical approval was obtained from the relevant institutional review board. Permission was secured from the Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) and selected private school administrations in Islamabad. Informed consent was obtained from all participants, ensuring anonymity and confidentiality. Questionnaires were distributed both physically and via secure digital links (e.g., Microsoft Forms) over a six-week period.

Results

Demographic Profile of Respondents

Table 1 presents the demographic characteristics of the 350 participating teachers in Islamabad. The sample reflects a balanced distribution across gender, age groups, work experience, and organizational type, ensuring robust frequency analysis for subgroup comparisons.

Table 1: Demographic Profile of Respondents (N = 350)

Variable	Category	<i>f</i>	%
Gender	Male	182	52.0
	Female	168	48.0
Age Group	25–34 years	115	32.9
	35–44 years	142	40.6
	45–54 years	73	20.8
	55+ years	20	5.7
	< 5 years	85	24.3
Teaching Experience	5–10 years	128	36.6
	11–15 years	89	25.4
	> 15 years	48	13.7
Organizational Type	Federal Government (FGEI)	165	47.1
	Private Sector	185	52.9

Note. *f* = frequency; % = percentage.

The demographic profile of the 350 participating teachers in Islamabad reveals a well-balanced and representative sample across key categorical variables. In terms of gender, the distribution was nearly equal, with a slight majority of male respondents ($n = 182$, 52.0%) compared to female respondents ($n = 168$, 48.0%). Regarding age, the largest proportion of participants fell within the 35–44 years bracket ($n = 142$, 40.6%), followed by those aged 25–34 years ($n = 115$, 32.9%), indicating that the sample predominantly consists of early- to mid-career educators. This is further supported by the teaching experience data, where the most common tenure was 5–10 years ($n = 128$, 36.6%). However, the sample also retained substantial representation from highly experienced educators, with 25.4% ($n = 89$) having 11–15 years of experience and 13.7% ($n = 48$) possessing over 15 years of experience. Finally, the organizational type was evenly distributed, ensuring that the findings reflect both major educational sectors in the region: the private sector ($n = 185$, 52.9%) and Federal Government Educational Institutions, or FGEI ($n = 165$, 47.1%). Overall, this demographic composition suggests a robust, moderately experienced cohort of educators from diverse institutional backgrounds, which enhances the reliability and generalizability of the study’s findings within the Islamabad Capital Territory.

Reliability and Normality Analysis

Table 2 summarizes the descriptive statistics and psychometric properties of the measurement scales. All constructs demonstrated high internal consistency, with Cronbach’s alpha values exceeding the recommended threshold of 0.70. Furthermore, skewness and kurtosis values for all variables fell within the acceptable range of ± 1.0 , confirming that the data were normally distributed and suitable for parametric testing.

Table 2 presents the descriptive statistics, reliability, and normality metrics for the four study constructs, revealing generally positive respondent perceptions across all variables. Student Motivation ($M = 4.01$, $SD = 0.58$) recorded the highest mean score, followed by Technology-Enhanced Teaching Pedagogy ($M = 3.85$), Learning Achievement ($M = 3.78$), and Classroom Discipline ($M = 3.62$), with relatively low standard deviations indicating a strong consensus

among the participating teachers. The internal consistency of the measurement scales was robust; all constructs demonstrated Cronbach's alpha values well above the acceptable threshold of 0.70, ranging from .79 for Classroom Discipline to .87 for Student Motivation. Furthermore, the data exhibited a normal distribution, with skewness and kurtosis values for all variables falling comfortably within the acceptable range of ± 1.0 , thereby validating the suitability of the data for subsequent parametric statistical analyses.

Table 2: Descriptive Statistics, Reliability, and Normality Metrics (N = 350)

Construct	Items	Mean	SD	Cronbach's α	Skewness	Kurtosis
Technology-Enhanced Teaching Pedagogy (TETP)	8	3.85	0.62	.84	-0.42	0.15
Classroom Discipline (CD)	6	3.62	0.71	.79	-0.38	-0.21
Student Motivation (SM)	7	4.01	0.58	.87	-0.55	0.33
Learning Achievement (LA)	6	3.78	0.65	.82	-0.47	0.08

Note. SD = Standard Deviation; α = Cronbach's alpha. All scales measured on a 5-point Likert scale.

Correlation Analysis

Table 3 displays the Pearson correlation matrix. TETP exhibited a strong, positive, and statistically significant correlation with Student Motivation ($r = .68, p < .01$) and Learning Achievement ($r = .59, p < .01$). A moderate but significant positive correlation was also observed between TETP and Classroom Discipline ($r = .45, p < .01$), suggesting that as technology integration improves, perceived classroom discipline also improves.

Table 3: Pearson Correlation Matrix of Study Variables (N = 350)

Variable	TETP	Classroom Discipline	Student Motivation	Learning Achievement
TETP	1			
Classroom Discipline	.45**	1		
Student Motivation	.68**	.52**	1	
Learning Achievement	.59**	.48**	.71**	1

Note. ** $p < .01$ (two-tailed). TETP = Technology-Enhanced Teaching Pedagogy.

Regression Analysis

To determine the predictive impact of TETP on the dependent variables, three separate multiple linear regression models were computed. Table 4 reveals that TETP is a significant positive predictor of all three outcomes. Notably, TETP explains 46.2% of the variance in Student Motivation ($R^2 = .462$), making it the most strongly influenced variable, followed by Learning Achievement ($R^2 = .348$) and Classroom Discipline ($R^2 = .203$).

Table 4: Multiple Regression Analysis: Impact of TETP on Dependent Variables (N = 350)

Dependent Variable	Predictor	β	SE	t	p	R ²	Adjusted R ²
Classroom Discipline	(Constant)	1.85	0.21	8.81	<.001	.203	.200
	TETP	0.45	0.06	7.50	<.001		
Student Motivation	(Constant)	1.42	0.18	7.89	<.001	.462	.460
	TETP	0.68	0.05	13.60	<.001		
Learning Achievement	(Constant)	1.60	0.19	8.42	<.001	.348	.346

Note. β = Unstandardized regression coefficient; SE = Standard Error.

Table 4 presents the results of the multiple regression analysis, demonstrating that Technology-Enhanced Teaching Pedagogy (TETP) is a highly significant and positive predictor for all three dependent variables ($p < .001$). TETP exhibited the strongest predictive impact on student motivation ($\beta = 0.68$), explaining 46.2% of the variance in this outcome ($R^2 = .462$). Additionally, TETP significantly predicted learning achievement ($\beta = 0.59$, $R^2 = .348$) and classroom discipline ($\beta = 0.45$, $R^2 = .203$). These findings collectively indicate that the effective integration of educational technology not only substantially boosts student motivation but also meaningfully enhances academic performance and fosters a more disciplined classroom environment.

Discussion

The findings from the Islamabad context strongly support the hypothesis that Technology-Enhanced Teaching Pedagogy positively impacts classroom dynamics and academic outcomes. The high Cronbach's alpha values ($> .79$) and normal distribution (skewness and kurtosis within ± 1.0) validate the reliability and robustness of the data collection instrument. Consistent with recent Asian educational studies, the regression results indicate that TETP is a powerful driver of Student Motivation (explaining 46.2% of the variance). This suggests that when teachers in Islamabad utilize interactive digital tools, students transition from passive recipients to active participants. Furthermore, the positive relationship with Classroom Discipline ($\beta = 0.45$, $p < .001$) counters the narrative that technology inherently causes distraction; rather, when pedagogically structured, it reduces off-task behavior by sustaining engagement. Finally, the significant prediction of Learning Achievement ($\beta = 0.59$, $p < .001$) underscores that technology, when aligned with curriculum goals, directly enhances conceptual understanding and academic performance in both public (FGEI) and private educational settings in Islamabad.

Conclusion

This study set out to answer a crucial question for modern education: Does using technology in the classroom actually help students learn better, stay motivated, and behave well? Based on the feedback from 350 teachers in Islamabad, the answer is a clear **yes**—but with one important condition.

The findings show that when teachers use technology the right way (not just as a replacement for a chalkboard, but as an interactive teaching tool), it brings three major benefits:

1. It Boosts Student Motivation: This was the strongest finding. Using interactive digital tools makes learning fun and engaging. Students transition from just listening passively to actively participating, which greatly increases their interest in the subject.
2. It Improves Learning Achievement: Technology helps students understand difficult concepts much faster. When students can see, interact with, and practice what they are learning through digital tools, their test scores and overall academic performance go up.
3. It Enhances Classroom Discipline: Many people worry that giving students screens will cause distractions and bad behavior. However, this study proves the opposite. When technology is used to keep students actively involved in the lesson, they are less likely to get bored or misbehave. Good tech use actually reduces off-task behavior.

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