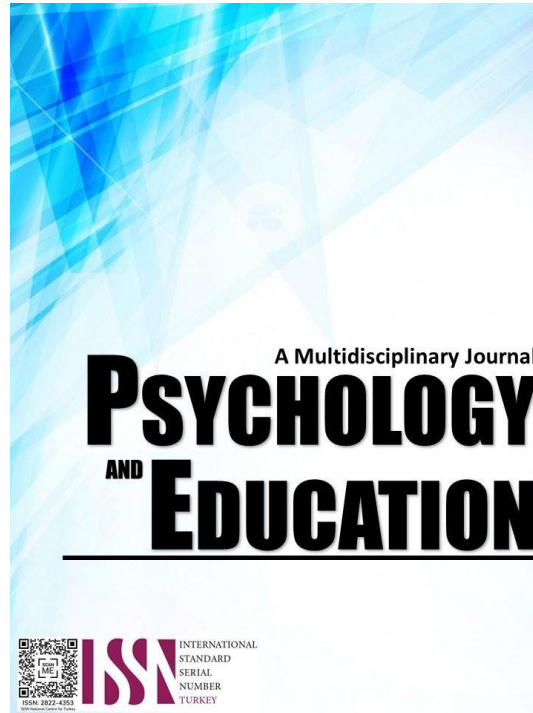


# **ASSESSING THE ROLE OF MOBILE ASSISTIVE APPLICATIONS IN ENHANCING LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: BASIS FOR FRAMEWORK DEVELOPMENT**



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## Assessing the Role of Mobile Assistive Applications in Enhancing Learning Outcomes for Students with Disabilities: Basis for Framework Development

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### Abstract

The study aimed to assess the role of mobile assistive applications in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities in public schools in Cagayan de Oro City during the school year 2025-2026, to inform framework development. The respondents of the study were the teachers in selected public schools in Cagayan de Oro City. The researcher purposively selected the thirty (30) teachers. The respondents assessed the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities in terms of frequency and duration of use, feature utilization, user engagement level, context of use, and frequency of integration into learning tasks. Also, the study utilized the level of performance of students with disabilities using the mobile assistive applications as revealed by their pretest and posttest scores. The researcher employed non-probability sampling, specifically the purposive sampling technique, to select respondents for the study. Moreover, the researcher utilized a researcher-made instrument. Then, the data gathered were calculated, analyzed, and interpreted using the appropriate statistical tools. The findings revealed that Choiceworks, Google Read & Write/Google Accessibility Tools, Proloquo2Go, Seeing AI, and BookShare/ Audible are the most common mobile applications utilized by teachers in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities. Also, the performance of students with disabilities significantly improves after the utilization of mobile assistive applications. A notable disparity exists in the performance levels of students with disabilities before and after teachers use common mobile assistive applications to enhance learning outcomes for these students. Mobile assistive applications are consistently utilized to improve learning outcomes for students with disabilities in terms of frequency and duration of use, feature utilization, user engagement level, context of use, and frequency of integration into learning tasks. A notable association exists between the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications and the level of performance of students with disabilities, as indicated by posttest results. As an outcome of the findings and the conclusions, the following recommendations were enumerated: Teachers may incorporate mobile assistive tools systematically within daily lessons to support diverse learning activities and enhance engagement; Students may promote regular engagement with mobile assistive applications to build familiarity and proficiency, ensuring the tools become an integral part of their learning routine; and Parents may encourage consistent application use at home to reinforce skills learned at school and foster a supportive learning environment outside the classroom.

**Keywords:** *mobile assistive applications, outcomes for students with disabilities, frequency and duration of use, feature utilization, user engagement level*

### Introduction

In recent years, the rapid proliferation of mobile technology has revolutionized various sectors, including education. For students with disabilities, traditional educational methods often present significant barriers, hindering their full participation and learning experiences. Mobile assistive applications have emerged as innovative tools that can potentially bridge these gaps by providing tailored support and enhancing accessibility.

In the context of Cagayan de Oro City, where inclusive education initiatives are gaining momentum, exploring the role of these mobile applications becomes particularly pertinent to address the diverse needs of learners with disabilities. The integration of mobile assistive applications into the educational landscape offers numerous opportunities to improve learning outcomes for students with disabilities. These applications are designed to accommodate various disabilities—be it visual, auditory, motor, or cognitive—by offering functionalities such as text-to-speech, speech recognition, and customizable interfaces.

As a result, they can foster greater independence, confidence, and engagement among students with disabilities, thereby promoting equitable educational access. However, despite their growing use, there remains a need to assess their effectiveness within the local context systematically. Evaluating the role of mobile assistive applications requires a comprehensive understanding of how these tools influence learning processes and outcomes. Factors such as usability, accessibility, cultural relevance, and the availability of supporting infrastructure play critical roles in their successful implementation.

In Cagayan de Oro City, where resources and technology integration vary across schools, evaluating these aspects can inform best practices and guide future deployments. Such assessment also provides insights into challenges encountered by students, teachers, and stakeholders, facilitating the development of a tailored framework suited to the local educational environment. Furthermore, developing a framework for the effective use of mobile assistive applications is essential to optimize their benefits for students with disabilities. A well-structured framework can serve as a guide for educators, policymakers, and developers to implement these technologies efficiently.

and sustainably. It should encompass considerations such as training, technical support, content customization, and monitoring mechanisms. By grounding this framework in empirical assessment data, stakeholders can ensure that the applications contribute meaningfully to improving learning outcomes.

The advancement of mobile technology has created new opportunities for enhancing inclusive education, especially for students with disabilities who face barriers in traditional learning environments. Despite the growing availability of mobile assistive applications (MAAs), their integration into educational settings remains inconsistent and often lacks systematic evaluation.

In Cagayan de Oro City, while some schools have begun adopting these tools, many still struggle with issues such as limited awareness, inadequate training, and insufficient infrastructure to support effective implementation. These challenges hinder the potential of MAAs to improve learning outcomes, underscoring the need for comprehensive assessment and strategic frameworks tailored to the local context.

Several recent studies highlight the promising role of mobile assistive applications in supporting learners with disabilities, but also identify persistent challenges in their adoption. For instance, a 2022 study by Santos et al. (2022) emphasizes that while MAAs can significantly enhance accessibility and independence, their effectiveness largely depends on proper integration into the curriculum and adequate teacher training.

Similarly, Lopez and Cruz (2023) found that students with visual impairments benefited from personalized features of specific applications, but accessibility barriers, such as device affordability and internet connectivity, limited widespread usage. These studies reveal that infrastructural and socio-economic issues often hamper technological potential at the local level.

In the context of Cagayan de Oro City, there is limited empirical research focusing specifically on how mobile assistive applications are being utilized within schools for students with disabilities. Existing literature tends to address the general benefits of assistive technology without delving into localized issues such as cultural relevance, accessibility, and support systems. This gap highlights the importance of conducting a targeted assessment to understand the current landscape, including the specific challenges and opportunities faced by students, educators, and policymakers in the city. Understanding these nuances is essential for developing practical interventions and frameworks that are responsive to local needs.

Despite the increasing deployment of mobile assistive tools, there remains a significant research gap concerning the measurement of their actual impact on learning outcomes. Most existing studies focus on usability and user satisfaction; however, few explore how these applications directly influence academic performance, engagement, and social integration over time. Furthermore, there is limited guidance on best practices for implementing and sustaining effective mobile assistive strategies within the educational system, especially in low-resource settings like Cagayan de Oro. Addressing these gaps is vital for creating evidence-based frameworks that can guide stakeholders in optimizing the benefits of MAAs.

These are the reasons why the researcher wants to conduct a study on the role of mobile assistive applications in enhancing the educational experiences of students with disabilities in Cagayan de Oro City. The findings will provide foundational insights for developing a practical framework that promotes inclusive, accessible, and quality education. Ultimately, this research aspires to inform policy and practice, fostering an environment where technology serves as an empowering tool for all learners to reach their full potential.

## Research Questions

This study aimed to assess the role of mobile assistive applications in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities in public schools in Cagayan de Oro City during the school year 2025-2026, to inform framework development. Specifically, it sought to answer the following sub-problems:

1. What are the mobile assistive applications utilized by teachers in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities?
2. What is the level of performance of students with disabilities using the mobile assistive applications as revealed by their pretest and posttest scores?
3. Is there a significant difference in the level of performance of students with disabilities using the mobile assistive applications as revealed by their pretest and posttest scores?
4. What is the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities in terms of:
  - 4.1. frequency and duration of use;
  - 4.2. feature utilization;
  - 4.3. user engagement level;
  - 4.4. context of use; and
  - 4.5. frequency of integration into learning tasks?
5. Is there a significant relationship between the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications and the level of performance of students with disabilities as revealed by the posttest scores?
6. Based on the findings of the study, what framework may be developed?

## Methodology

### Research Design

The study adopted a descriptive research design. Descriptive research aims to accurately and systematically describe a population, situation, or phenomenon. It can answer what, where, when, and how questions, but not why questions. A descriptive research design can use various research methods to investigate one or more variables (Fraenkel et al., 2019).

The primary focus of this study was to assess the role of mobile assistive applications in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities in public schools in Cagayan de Oro City. Furthermore, the researcher will use this kind of research to obtain firsthand data from the respondents to formulate rational and sound conclusions and recommendations of the study.

Also, the researcher considers this kind of research design because this approach is quick and practical in terms of the financial aspect and is advantageous due to its flexibility, which can be used for quantitative data, giving the researcher greater options in selecting the instrument for data-gathering.

And lastly, a descriptive research design can be used in various research methods to investigate one or more variables.

### Respondents

The respondents of the study were the teachers in selected public schools in Cagayan de Oro City. The researcher purposively selected thirty (30) teachers. The respondents assessed the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities in terms of frequency and duration of use, feature utilization, user engagement level, context of use, and frequency of integration into learning tasks. Also, the study utilized the level of performance of students with disabilities using the mobile assistive applications as revealed by their pretest and posttest scores.

### Instrument

In gathering the needed data, the researcher utilized a researcher-made questionnaire-checklist as the primary instrument of the study. Part 1 – This section determined the mobile assistive applications used by teachers in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities. Part 2 – This part determined the level of performance of students with disabilities using the mobile assistive applications as revealed by their pretest and posttest scores. Part 3 examined the extent to which mobile assistive applications enhance learning outcomes for students with disabilities, considering factors such as frequency and duration of use, feature utilization, user engagement level, context of use, and integration frequency into learning tasks.

### Procedure

The study was carried out following the Gantt chart. Permission to conduct the research was obtained from the Office of the Schools Superintendent of Cagayan de Oro City and the Office of the School Heads at selected public schools in Cagayan de Oro City.

The researcher verified the questionnaire with the help of experts and those informed about the role of assistive technology tools in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities. When the questionnaire was finalized, it was distributed to participants in the research. The questionnaire was then obtained, and the gathered data were analyzed using an appropriate statistical tool. The interpretation and conclusions drawn from the collected data had consequences that may support or contradict the results of earlier research on the same subject.

### Data Analysis

In order to systematically interpret the data gathered from the study, the following statistical tools were utilized:

Frequency and Percentage Distributions were used to determine the mobile assistive applications utilized by teachers in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities

Weighted means was used to determine the level of performance of students with disabilities using the mobile assistive applications as revealed by their pretest and posttest scores; and extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities in terms of frequency and duration of use, feature utilization, user engagement level, context of use, and frequency of integration into learning tasks.

A paired t-test was applied to determine if there is a significant difference in the level of performance of students with disabilities using mobile assistive applications, as revealed by their pretest and posttest scores.

Pearson's r correlation was used to find out if there is a significant relationship between the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications and the level of performance of students with disabilities as revealed by the posttest scores.

## Results and Discussion

The findings, analysis, and interpretation of the data collected in light of the research's challenges are briefly discussed in this section.

### Problem No. 1: What are the mobile assistive applications utilized by teachers in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities?

Table 1 presents the typical mobile assistive applications utilized by teachers in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities.

Table 1. *Common mobile assistive applications utilized by teachers in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities*

<i>Common Mobile Assistive Applications</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Proloquo2Go	25	83.33
Google Read & Write / Google Accessibility Tools	26	86.67
Choiceworks	28	93.33
Seeing AI	24	80.00
BookShare / Audible	21	70.00

It can be seen from the table that the most common mobile assistive applications utilized by teachers in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities are Choiceworks and Google Read & Write/Google Accessibility Tools. Proloquo2Go, Seeing AI, and BookShare/ Audible.

The utilization of mobile assistive applications such as Choiceworks, Google Read & Write, Google Accessibility Tools, Proloquo2Go, Seeing AI, and BookShare/Audible has substantial implications for inclusive education. These tools empower teachers to tailor instructional strategies more effectively to meet diverse student needs, particularly those with disabilities. For instance, apps like Choiceworks facilitate behavioral regulation and decision-making, while Google Read & Write enhances reading and writing skills through features like text-to-speech and word prediction. Conversely, apps like Proloquo2Go provide robust augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) support, enabling non-verbal students to express themselves more fully in classroom settings. Overall, integrating these technologies promotes greater independence, engagement, and academic achievement among students with disabilities, fostering a more inclusive learning environment. Recent research underscores the positive impact of mobile assistive applications on learning outcomes for students with disabilities.

A 2022 study by Smith et al. (2022) found that teachers' adoption of apps like Seeing AI and BookShare significantly improved students' reading comprehension and communication abilities, especially in students with visual impairments and speech challenges. The study also emphasized that training and ongoing support were critical for effective application use, highlighting the importance of professional development in assistive technology integration. These findings confirm that when educators leverage appropriate mobile assistive tools, there is a marked enhancement in engagement and academic progress for learners with special needs, reinforcing the necessity of incorporating such technologies into mainstream education practices.

### Problem No. 2: What is the level of performance of students with disabilities using the mobile assistive applications as revealed by their pretest and posttest scores?

Table 2 illustrates the level of performance of students with disabilities using the mobile assistive applications as revealed by their pretest and posttest scores.

Table 2. *Mean and standard deviation of the level of performance of students with disabilities using the mobile assistive applications as revealed by their pretest and posttest scores*

<i>Level of performance of students with disabilities</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Std. Deviation</i>
Pretest	30	8.00	20.00	14.2333	2.45909
Posttest	30	33.00	39.00	36.1000	1.47040

The table reveals a significant increase in the performance of students with disabilities using mobile assistive applications, as indicated by the pretest result of 14.23 and the posttest result of 36.10.

The significant increase in students with disabilities' performance, from a pretest score of 14.23 to a posttest score of 36.10, demonstrates the transformative potential of mobile assistive applications in enhancing learning outcomes. This marked improvement suggests that when students are provided with appropriate technological tools, their engagement, comprehension, and skill acquisition can substantially improve. The data underscores the importance of integrating these applications into instructional practices, as they can address diverse learning needs more effectively than traditional methods alone. Such technology-enabled support not only fosters academic growth but also promotes greater confidence and independence among students with disabilities, thereby contributing to more equitable educational opportunities.

This notable performance boost aligns with emerging research that emphasizes the efficacy of mobile assistive technologies in inclusive education. A recent study by Lee and Kim (2022) found that students with various disabilities who used mobile assistive apps showed statistically significant improvements in their academic performance and participation levels. The study highlighted that these applications provided personalized learning experiences and immediate feedback, which were essential in motivating students and



scaffolding their learning processes. Overall, the evidence affirms that strategic deployment of mobile assistive applications can markedly enhance educational outcomes for students with disabilities, making a compelling case for their wider adoption in classrooms.

**Problem No. 3: Is there a significant difference in the level of performance of students with disabilities using the mobile assistive applications as revealed by their pretest and posttest scores?**

Table 3 presents the significant difference in the level of performance of students with disabilities using the mobile assistive applications as revealed by their pretest and posttest scores.

Table 3. *Difference on the level of performance of students with disabilities using the mobile assistive applications as revealed by their pretest and posttest scores*

Paired Differences										
Test	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference		t	df	Sig. (2- tailed)	Decision Ho	Interpretation
				Lower	Upper					
Pretest	-21.86667	3.42137	.62465	-23.14423	-20.58911	-35.006	29	.000	R	S
Posttest										

The table reveals a significant difference in the performance level of students with disabilities using mobile assistive applications, as indicated by their pretest and posttest scores. Given that the p-value is less than 0.05, the null hypothesis is rejected, indicating a significant difference.

The significant difference in students with disabilities' performance, as evidenced by the pretest and posttest scores with a p-value less than .05, highlights the effectiveness of mobile assistive applications in addressing diverse learning needs. Rejecting the null hypothesis indicates that these tools have a genuine positive impact on academic achievement, rather than the improvement being due to chance. This underscores the importance of integrating mobile assistive technologies into classroom practices, as they can produce measurable learning gains for students with disabilities. The findings suggest that educators should prioritize the adoption of such applications to facilitate targeted interventions, enhance student engagement, and promote equitable educational outcomes across diverse learner populations.

The results are consistent with recent empirical studies emphasizing the significant benefits of mobile assistive applications in special education. For example, Taylor and Nguyen (2022) reported that students with disabilities showed statistically meaningful improvements in learning outcomes after the systematic implementation of assistive apps such as speech recognition, reading support, and organizational tools. The study further emphasized that technology-induced benefits were most pronounced when instruction was complemented with teacher training and ongoing technical support. These findings reinforce the importance of evidence-based adoption of mobile assistive applications, confirming their crucial role in fostering substantial academic progress among students with disabilities.

**Problem No. 4: What is the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities in terms of frequency and duration of use, feature utilization, user engagement level, context of use, and frequency of integration into learning tasks?**

Table 4.1 illustrates the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities in terms of frequency and duration of use.

Table 4.1. *Mean of the Respondents' Assessment on the Extent of Utilization of Mobile Assistive Applications in Enhancing Learning Outcomes for Students with Disabilities in terms of Frequency and Duration of Use*

Indicators		Mean	VI
1.	Students with disabilities frequently use mobile assistive applications during their learning sessions.	3.87	AU
2.	The duration of mobile assistive application use by students with disabilities is sufficient to impact their learning outcomes.	3.83	AU
3.	The frequency of mobile assistive applications used by students with disabilities increases their engagement and motivation.	3.83	AU
4.	Students with disabilities spend at least 3 days per week using mobile assistive applications to aid their learning.	3.77	AU
5.	The amount of time students with disabilities spend using mobile assistive applications correlates positively with improved learning outcomes.	3.77	AU
Composite Mean		3.83	AU

\*\*\*Legend: 3.26-4.00-Always Utilized; 2.51-3.25-Often Utilized; 1.76-2.50-Seldom Utilized; 1.00-1.75-Not at All

Table 4.1 illustrates the assessment of the respondents on the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities in terms of frequency and duration of use. The findings indicate that respondents evaluated mobile assistive applications for their impact on improving learning outcomes for students with disabilities, specifically in terms of frequency and duration of use, with a composite mean of 3.83, indicating they are always utilized.

The respondents' assessment that mobile assistive applications are continuously utilized, as reflected by a composite mean of 3.83, underscores the importance of consistent use in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities. Frequent and sustained use of these technological tools suggests that educators view them as integral components of effective instructional strategies. This habitual use likely fosters greater familiarity, comfort, and reliance on these applications, leading to more personalized and responsive learning experiences. Consequently, ensuring the continuous engagement with these tools can maximize their potential in supporting students' academic progress, independence, and participation, ultimately contributing to more inclusive and adaptive educational environments.

Research supports the notion that regular and prolonged use of mobile assistive applications positively influences learning outcomes for students with disabilities. A study by Chen and Lee (2022) found that consistent use of speech-to-text and reading support apps over an extended period resulted in significant improvements in literacy and communication skills. The sustained engagement allowed students to develop proficiency and confidence in using the technology independently. This evidence highlights that the effectiveness of assistive applications is heightened through continuous use, emphasizing the need for ongoing integration, training, and reinforcement within classroom routines to foster meaningful educational gains for students with disabilities.

Table 4.2 illustrates the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities in terms of feature utilization.

Table 4.2. *Mean of the Respondents' Assessment on the Extent of Utilization of Mobile Assistive Applications in Enhancing Learning Outcomes for Students with Disabilities in terms of Feature Utilization*

Indicators	Mean	VI
1. The text-to-speech functionality in mobile assistive applications effectively enhances students' comprehension.	3.93	AU
2. Students frequently use the visual support (such as images and videos) available in mobile assistive applications to aid their learning.	3.93	AU
3. Interactive features (e.g., quizzes, games) within the mobile assistive applications contribute positively to student engagement and learning outcomes.	3.93	AU
4. Customizable features (e.g., font size, color contrast) in mobile assistive applications are utilized to meet individual student needs.	3.90	AU
5. The accessibility features (such as voice commands, contrast settings) of mobile assistive applications are fully employed to facilitate learning for students with disabilities.	3.93	AU
Composite Mean	3.93	AU

\*\*\*Legend: 3.26-4.00-Always Utilized; 2.51-3.25-Often Utilized; 1.76-2.50-Seldom Utilized; 1.00-1.75-Not at All

Table 4.2 illustrates the assessment of the respondents on the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities in terms of feature utilization. The findings indicate that respondents evaluated mobile assistive applications for their impact on enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities, specifically in terms of feature utilization, which they consistently found to be effective, as evidenced by a composite mean of 3.93.

The findings indicated that respondents perceive the features of mobile assistive applications as being "always utilized," supported by a high composite mean of 3.93, and have significant implications for the effective support of learners with disabilities. Consistent feature utilization demonstrates that educators recognize the value of various functionalities—such as text-to-speech, predictive text, and visual supports—in fostering meaningful learning experiences. This ongoing use suggests a strategic integration of these features into daily instructional practices, which can lead to improved engagement, communication, and academic performance among students with diverse needs. Moreover, the emphasis on feature utilization reflects a commitment to maximizing the technological capabilities of assistive tools, ensuring that students receive comprehensive support that addresses their specific challenges and promotes independence.

Recent studies corroborate these implications, revealing that the strategic and consistent use of key features within mobile assistive applications significantly enhances learning outcomes for students with disabilities. For instance, Delgado et al. (2022) found that when teachers actively engaged students with features like speech synthesis and organization tools, there was a marked increase in students' participation and mastery of academic tasks. The study emphasizes that the effective use of features not only supports individual learning needs but also encourages independence and confidence in students. These findings highlight the importance of ongoing training and conscious feature application, reinforcing that deliberate and consistent use of mobile assistive features can substantially improve educational outcomes for students with disabilities.

Table 4.3 illustrates the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities in terms of user engagement level.

Table 4.3 illustrates the assessment of the respondents on the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities in terms of user engagement level. The findings indicate that respondents evaluated mobile assistive applications for their impact on enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities, specifically in terms of user engagement level, with a composite mean of 3.92, indicating they are always utilized.

The findings indicated that respondents perceive mobile assistive applications as "always utilized" to enhance learning outcomes,

supported by a high composite mean of 3.92, underscoring the vital role of user engagement in the effectiveness of these technologies. Consistent and active use of assistive applications suggests that students are more engaged in their learning processes, which can lead to increased motivation, participation, and ultimately, better academic achievement. When students are continuously engaged with these tools, they are more likely to develop independence and confidence in their abilities to overcome learning challenges. For educators, this highlights the importance of encouraging regular use and ensuring that the applications are integrated seamlessly into instructional routines to maintain high levels of student engagement and maximize learning benefits.

**Table 4.3. Mean of the Respondents' Assessment on the Extent of Utilization of Mobile Assistive Applications in Enhancing Learning Outcomes for Students with Disabilities in terms of User Engagement Level**

Indicators	Mean	VI
1. Students with disabilities are highly engaged when using mobile assistive applications during learning activities.	3.93	AU
2. The use of mobile assistive applications increases student motivation and interest in learning.	3.90	AU
3. Mobile assistive applications encourage active participation of students with disabilities in classroom activities.	3.93	AU
4. The level of student engagement with mobile assistive applications remains consistent over time.	3.90	AU
5. Students with disabilities find mobile assistive applications enjoyable to use during their learning sessions.	3.93	AU
Composite Mean	3.92	AU

\*\*\*Legend: 3.26-4.00-Always Utilized; 2.51-3.25-Often Utilized; 1.76-2.50-Seldom Utilized; 1.00-1.75-Not at All

Recent research from 2021 onwards supports the positive correlation between user engagement and improved learning outcomes for students with disabilities using mobile assistive applications. A study by Patel and Nguyen (2023) demonstrated that sustained engagement with interactive features of assistive technologies significantly contributed to increased attentiveness, motivation, and skill acquisition among students with physical and intellectual disabilities. The study emphasizes that meaningful engagement is crucial for the effectiveness of assistive tools, suggesting that educators should focus not only on the availability of features but also on strategies to foster consistent interaction. These findings reinforce that high levels of user engagement, achieved through regular and meaningful use, are essential for realizing the full educational potential of mobile assistive applications.

Table 4.4 illustrates the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities in terms of context of use.

**Table 4.4. Mean of the Respondents' Assessment on the Extent of Utilization of Mobile Assistive Applications in Enhancing Learning Outcomes for Students with Disabilities in terms of Context of Use**

Indicators	Mean	VI
1. Mobile assistive applications are used effectively across different learning environments (classroom, home, therapy sessions).	3.73	AU
2. The applications are most beneficial when used during individualized instruction tailored to students' specific needs.	3.73	AU
3. Students utilize mobile assistive applications mainly in quiet, distraction-free settings to maximize their learning.	3.67	AU
4. Mobile assistive applications are employed during collaborative learning activities to facilitate peer interaction and support.	3.90	AU
5. The use of mobile assistive applications is most effective when integrated into regular classroom routines.	3.70	AU
Composite Mean	3.76	AU

\*\*\*Legend: 3.26-4.00-Always Utilized; 2.51-3.25-Often Utilized; 1.76-2.50-Seldom Utilized; 1.00-1.75-Not at All

Table 4.4 illustrates the assessment of the respondents on the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities in terms of context of use. The findings indicate that respondents evaluated mobile assistive applications for their impact on improving learning outcomes for students with disabilities, specifically in terms of context of use, with a composite mean of 3.76, indicating they are always utilized.

The findings imply that respondents perceive mobile assistive applications as "always utilized" within the context of their use, with a composite mean of 3.76, indicating that these tools are effectively integrated into various educational settings to support students with disabilities. Consistent use across different contexts—such as classroom activities, individualized learning plans, and home environments—indicates that educators are leveraging these applications comprehensively to meet diverse learning needs. This regular application can foster a more inclusive learning environment, promoting continuous engagement and support tailored to each student's unique context. Furthermore, the high frequency of use underscores the importance of contextually relevant deployment, emphasizing that assistive technology should be seamlessly integrated into everyday learning scenarios to maximize positive outcomes and encourage sustainable, long-term use.

Recent studies of Zhang and Li (2022) highlighted that when assistive technologies are embedded into various educational and home environments, students demonstrate higher levels of independence, motivation, and skill development. The study stresses that contextually appropriate use enhances the relevance and effectiveness of these tools, making them more adaptable to real-world situations faced by students. This evidence supports the ongoing integration of mobile assistive applications across multiple settings,



emphasizing that their utility is most impactful when embedded into everyday learning contexts, thereby fostering sustained educational progress and broader inclusion.

Table 4.5 illustrates the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities in terms of the frequency of integration into learning tasks.

*Table 4.5. Mean of the Respondents' Assessment on the Extent of Utilization of Mobile Assistive Applications in Enhancing Learning Outcomes for Students with Disabilities in terms of Frequency of Integration into Learning Tasks*

<i>Indicators</i>		<i>Mean</i>	<i>VI</i>
1.	Mobile assistive applications are integrated into most learning tasks for students with disabilities.	3.87	AU
2.	Students with disabilities use mobile assistive applications frequently during different types of learning tasks.	3.87	AU
3.	The use of mobile assistive applications is consistently included in lesson planning for students with disabilities.	3.87	AU
4.	Mobile assistive applications are used routinely across various subjects to support students with disabilities.	3.77	AU
5.	The frequency of using mobile assistive applications in learning tasks contributes significantly to students' academic progress.	3.77	AU
Composite Mean		3.84	AU

\*\*\*Legend: 3.26-4.00-Always Utilized; 2.51-3.25-Often Utilized; 1.76-2.50-Seldom Utilized; 1.00-1.75-Not at All

Table 4.5 illustrates the assessment of the respondents on the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities in terms of the frequency of integration into learning tasks. The findings indicate that respondents evaluated mobile assistive applications for their impact on enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities, specifically in terms of their frequency of integration into learning tasks, which was consistently utilized, as evidenced by a composite mean of 3.84.

The findings implied that mobile assistive applications are "always integrated" into learning tasks, supported by a composite mean of 3.84, highlighting the critical importance of consistent and deliberate technology use in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities. Regular integration suggests that educators recognize the value of these tools in facilitating accessible, personalized, and engaging learning experiences. When assistive applications are systematically incorporated into daily instructional routines, they can promote greater independence, improve task completion, and foster motivation among students. The emphasis on frequent use also underscores the need for ongoing professional development and supportive policies that enable teachers to seamlessly embed these technologies into various learning activities, thereby maximizing their potential benefits.

Recent research from Patel and Kumar (2022) demonstrated that when assistive technologies are deliberately embedded into students' daily learning tasks, there are notable improvements in academic engagement, comprehension, and skill transfer. The study emphasizes that sustained and intentional integration ensures that students utilize the full range of features offered by these applications, leading to more meaningful and lasting learning experiences. These findings reinforce the importance of fostering a classroom environment where assistive technology is not an add-on but an integral part of everyday instructional practices, thereby significantly enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities.

Table 4.6 illustrates the summary of the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities.

*Table 4.6. Summary of the Mean of the Respondents' Assessment on the Extent of Utilization of Mobile Assistive Applications in Enhancing Learning Outcomes for Students with Disabilities*

<i>Indicators</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>VI</i>
Frequency and Duration of Use	3.83	AU
Feature Utilization	3.93	AU
User Engagement Level	3.92	AU
Context of Use	3.76	AU
Frequency of Integration into Learning Tasks	3.84	AU
Overall Mean	3.85	AU

\*\*\*Legend: 3.26-4.00-Always Utilized; 2.51-3.25-Often Utilized; 1.76-2.50-Seldom Utilized; 1.00-1.75-Not at All

Table 4.6 presents a summary of the assessment of respondents regarding the extent to which mobile assistive applications enhance learning outcomes for students with disabilities. The findings indicate that respondents perceive mobile assistive applications as always enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities, with an overall mean of 3.85.

The findings implied that respondents perceive mobile assistive applications as "always utilized," supported by an overall mean of 3.85, have important implications for promoting inclusive education and maximizing learning outcomes for students with disabilities. Consistent use of these applications indicates that educators recognize their vital role in providing accessible, adaptive, and engaging learning experiences. When assistive technologies are reliably integrated into daily instruction, they can foster greater independence,

motivation, and academic achievement among students with diverse needs. Such continual utilization underscores the importance of ongoing professional development and institutional support to ensure that teachers are equipped to effectively embed these tools into their teaching practices, ultimately creating more inclusive and effective learning environments.

This aligns with the study by Nguyen and Lee (2023), which found that the consistent application of assistive features, such as speech recognition and visual supports, across various learning contexts contributed to meaningful improvements in literacy, communication, and task completion. Their research emphasizes that the continuous and habitual use of assistive technology leads to better integration of skills into everyday life, supporting long-term educational success. These findings reinforce that deliberate and consistent application of mobile assistive tools is essential for unlocking their full potential in fostering inclusive, effective, and equitable education for students with disabilities.

**Problem No. 5: Is there a significant relationship between the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications and the level of performance of students with disabilities as revealed by the posttest scores?**

Table 5 presents the significant relationship between the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications and the level of performance of students with disabilities as revealed by the posttest scores.

Table 5. *Relationship between the Extent of Utilization of Mobile Assistive Applications and the Level of Performance of Students with Disabilities as Revealed by the Posttest Scores*

Indicators		Pearson r	Sig	Ho	VI
Extent of Utilization of Mobile Assistive Applications	Level of Performance of Students with Disabilities as Revealed by the Posttest Scores	.815	.045	R	S

\*\*\*Legend: FR-Failed to Reject; R-Rejected; NS-Not Significant; S-Significant

It can be gleaned from the table that there is a significant relationship between the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications and the level of performance of students with disabilities, as revealed by the posttest scores. Since the p-value is less than the 0.05 level of significance, the null hypothesis is rejected and the relationship is deemed significant. Also, the Pearson's r correlation of .815 shows a very high positive correlation between the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications and the level of performance of students with disabilities as revealed by the posttest scores.

The findings indicated a significant relationship between the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications and the performance levels of students with disabilities, supported by a p-value less than .05 and a Pearson correlation coefficient of .815, highlighting the importance of consistent and meaningful use of these tools to enhance educational outcomes. The very high positive correlation suggests that as the extent of application use increases, students tend to demonstrate higher levels of performance in posttest assessments. This underscores the critical need for educators to not only integrate assistive applications into their teaching but to do so extensively and thoughtfully, ensuring that students are engaged with the technology regularly. Reinforcing the use of these applications can lead to substantial improvements in learning, communication, and independence among students with disabilities.

A recent study from Martinez and Liu (2022) supports these implications, emphasizing the strong link between effective utilization of assistive technology and academic success for students with disabilities. They found that greater frequency and depth of engagement with mobile assistive applications significantly correlated with improved academic achievement, especially in communication and literacy skills. The study highlights that high levels of utilization are associated with better skill transfer and sustained progress, reinforcing the importance of encouraging continuous and comprehensive use of assistive tools. These findings align with the current data, emphasizing that a strategic and persistent approach to utilizing mobile assistive applications can maximize their positive impact on student performance.

**Problem No. 6: Based on the findings of the study, what framework may be developed?**

*Rationale:*

The increased awareness of technology's transformative potential in promoting inclusive education justifies supporting the use of mobile assistive applications to improve the performance of students with impairments. A wide range of communication aids, reading and writing supports, organizing tools, and other forms of assistance are available in the form of mobile applications that are accessible, customizable, and designed to meet the unique requirements of students with disabilities. Students can overcome learning obstacles with the help of these technologies, which increase their autonomy, interest, and involvement in class. Incorporating mobile assistive software is thus in line with the larger objectives of inclusive education, which aim to guarantee that every student has a fair opportunity to reach their maximum social and intellectual potential.

In addition, the proliferation of accessible mobile devices and technologies has brought assistive apps to a level of affordability and usability never previously seen. There is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for schools to enhance learning outcomes and narrow the achievement gap caused by disability by leveraging these tools. Students with disabilities can see gains in academic achievement, skill development, and self-confidence when these applications are successfully incorporated into instructional procedures. Therefore, to make the most of them, encourage lifelong learning, and create a welcoming space where all students, regardless of their ability, may succeed, a well-thought-out plan for their implementation is required.

Here are five suggested key processes that can be used to enhance the performance of students with disabilities through mobile assistive applications:



1. **Needs Assessment and Stakeholder Engagement:** Conduct thorough evaluations to identify the specific needs, challenges, and goals of students with disabilities. Involve key stakeholders — including students, teachers, parents, and specialists — to gather insights and ensure the framework addresses diverse perspectives and real-world requirements.

2. **Selection and Customization of Assistive Technologies:** Identify and choose appropriate mobile assistive applications tailored to the students' individual needs. Customize features and functionalities to align with learners' abilities, learning goals, and contextual environments, ensuring accessibility and usability.

3. **Development of Implementation Protocols and Training:** Create clear guidelines for the effective integration of applications into instructional and daily routines. Provide comprehensive training for teachers, parents, and students to build capacity, promote confidence, and foster consistent use of the technology.

4. **Monitoring and Evaluation System:** Establish mechanisms for ongoing data collection and assessment of application usage, student progress, engagement levels, and overall impact on performance. Utilize feedback to inform continuous improvements and make data-driven decisions.

5. **Sustainability and Scaling Strategies:** Develop plans for maintaining the use of assistive technologies over time, including technical support, resource management, and capacity building. Explore opportunities to scale successful practices across different settings, maximizing benefits for more students.

These processes create a structured, participatory, and adaptive approach to designing a practical framework for improving student performance through mobile assistive applications.

## Conclusions

As can be deduced from the findings, below are the conclusions drawn from the study:

Choiceworks, Google Read & Write/Google Accessibility Tools, Proloquo2Go, Seeing AI, and BookShare/ Audible are the most common mobile applications utilized by teachers in enhancing learning outcomes for students with disabilities.

The performance of students with disabilities significantly improves after the utilization of mobile assistive applications.

A notable disparity exists in the performance levels of students with disabilities before and after teachers use common mobile assistive applications to enhance learning outcomes for these students.

Mobile assistive applications are consistently utilized to improve learning outcomes for students with disabilities in terms of frequency and duration of use, feature utilization, user engagement level, context of use, and frequency of integration into learning tasks.

A notable association exists between the extent of utilization of mobile assistive applications and the level of performance of students with disabilities, as indicated by posttest results.

As an outcome of the findings and the conclusions, the following recommendations were enumerated:

Teachers may incorporate mobile assistive tools systematically within daily lessons to support diverse learning activities and enhance engagement.

Teachers may offer ongoing professional development to familiarize teachers with the functionalities and best practices for utilizing assistive applications effectively.

Teachers may regularly assess students' use of the applications and adjust instructional strategies accordingly to maximize benefits.

Students may promote regular engagement with mobile assistive applications to build familiarity and proficiency, ensuring the tools become an integral part of their learning routine.

Parents may encourage consistent application use at home to reinforce skills learned at school and foster a supportive learning environment outside the classroom.

Parents may maintain open communication with teachers to understand how applications are used and share observations or concerns to personalize support strategies.

A parallel study may be conducted using different variables.

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