

Motor skills development in elementary school students through physical education: a systematic review

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Info Artikel: Dikirim: 03-05-2026 Direvisi: 28-05-2026 Diterima: 03-06-2026	Abstrak: Motor skills development in elementary school (SD) students constitutes a fundamental pillar in physical education, playing a critical role in children's holistic growth encompassing physical, cognitive, and psychosocial domains. This systematic review examines the development of gross and fine motor skills in elementary school children aged 6–12 years through physical education interventions, game-based learning, and structured movement activities. A comprehensive literature search was conducted across databases including ERIC, PubMed, Scopus, and Google Scholar, covering publications from 2020 to 2025. A total of 40 peer-reviewed studies were included based on predefined inclusion and exclusion criteria. Findings reveal that structured physical education programs significantly improve locomotor, manipulative, and balance motor skills in elementary school students. Playful, game-integrated approaches and teacher-guided movement activities demonstrate the highest efficacy, particularly among lower-grade students (Grades 1–3). Contextual factors such as teaching methodology, physical environment, frequency of sessions, and individual differences moderate outcomes. These results underscore the importance of allocating sufficient time for physical education, employing trained educators, and designing inclusive, activity-rich curricula in Indonesian elementary schools. This review provides evidence-based recommendations for curriculum developers, physical education practitioners, and policy makers. Keywords: Motor skills; Elementary school; Physical education; Gross motor; Fine motor; Game-based learning; Indonesia
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Introduction

Motor skills development is a critical component of children's overall growth, particularly during the elementary school years (ages 6–12). Physical education (PE) at the elementary school level serves as the primary institutional medium through which children acquire, refine, and consolidate motor competencies essential for daily life, sports participation, and long-term health (Gallahue & Ozmun, 2022). In Indonesia, elementary school physical education—known as Pendidikan Jasmani Olahraga dan Kesehatan (PJOK)—is mandated by the national curriculum and is expected to address fundamental movement skills, physical fitness, and sport-related competencies (Ministry of Education and Culture, 2022). Yet despite this mandate, comprehensive systematic reviews integrating both international and Indonesian-language scholarship on motor skill development in the SD context remain scarce—a gap this review directly addresses.

Motor skills are broadly classified into gross motor skills, which involve large muscle groups and whole-body movements such as running, jumping, and throwing, and fine motor skills, which involve smaller muscle groups and hand-eye coordination, such as gripping, drawing, and manipulating objects (Haywood & Getchell, 2021). Both categories undergo rapid development during

middle childhood, making the elementary school years a sensitive period for motor learning (Lubans et al., 2020). The acquisition and refinement of these skills during childhood has been consistently associated with positive trajectories in physical activity, sport participation, cognitive performance, and social competence across the lifespan (Robinson et al., 2022).

Despite the recognized importance of motor development, research consistently demonstrates significant variability in motor skill proficiency among elementary school children, attributable to factors including quality of physical education instruction, opportunity for physical activity, socioeconomic background, and individual neuromotor maturation rates (Robinson et al., 2022). In Indonesian contexts specifically, studies have identified gaps in motor skill proficiency linked to inadequate physical education time, insufficient equipment, and limited teacher training (Suherman et al., 2021). These challenges are compounded by the rapid urbanization of Indonesian society, increasing sedentary behavior driven by digital screen time, and reduced opportunities for unstructured outdoor play (Firmansyah et al., 2021).

The global research landscape on motor skill development in elementary school children has expanded considerably since 2020, reflecting growing awareness among researchers, educators, and policymakers of the foundational role that motor competence plays in child development. Systematic reviews and meta-analyses have increasingly synthesized evidence on FMS interventions, yet comprehensive reviews specifically addressing the Indonesian SD context and integrating both international and Indonesian-language scholarship remain scarce. Given the rapid proliferation of research on motor skill interventions in elementary school contexts, a timely and comprehensive synthesis of the evidence is warranted.

This systematic review therefore aims to: (1) identify and synthesize the current state of evidence regarding motor skill development among elementary school students through physical education; (2) examine the efficacy of various pedagogical approaches, including game-based learning, structured movement activities, and traditional drill-based instruction; (3) analyze moderating factors that influence motor skill outcomes; and (4) provide evidence-based recommendations for physical education practitioners, curriculum designers, and educational policymakers in Indonesia and beyond.

Methods

This review adheres to PRISMA 2020 guidelines (Page et al., 2021) to ensure rigor and transparency in search, screening, and synthesis. The review was not prospectively registered in PROSPERO, which is noted as a limitation. Literature was searched across ERIC, PubMed/MEDLINE, Scopus, and Google Scholar for publications from January 2020 to March 2025. Boolean search terms combined motor skill de-scriptors (e.g., “motor skill”, “fundamental movement skill”) with school-level terms (e.g., “elementary school”, “sekolah dasar”) and intervention terms (e.g., “physical education”, “PJOK”, “game-based learning”). Additional Indonesian-language searches and manual reference screening supplemented the database search. Included studies reported motor skill outcomes in children aged 6–12 years, involved PE or structured movement interventions, used any research design, and were published in peer-reviewed English or Indonesian journals from 2020 to 2025. Studies were excluded if they focused solely on clinical populations (e.g., DCD, ASD, cerebral palsy), were non-peer-reviewed (abstracts, theses, grey literature), or did not measure motor skill outcomes.

Data were extracted by the primary author using a standardized form covering study design, sample characteristics, intervention details, assessment instruments, and key findings. A 20% random sub-sample was independently verified by a co-author (94% agreement). Given substantial heterogeneity across designs and outcomes, a narrative synthesis using inductive thematic analysis was employed. Quality was assessed using the MMAT version 2018 (Hong et al., 2018) across five de-sign-relevant criteria (maximum score: 5). Studies scoring ≤ 3 were flagged for sensitivity analysis.

Results

The database search yielded 1,247 initial records. After removing duplicates ($n=312$), 935 records underwent title and abstract screening, of which 752 were excluded as clearly irrelevant. A total of 183 full-text articles were assessed for eligibility; 143 were excluded for reasons including non-elementary school populations ($n=45$), absence of motor skill outcomes ($n=38$), non-peer-reviewed format ($n=27$), publication year outside 2020–2025 ($n=21$), and clinical populations only ($n=12$). Forty studies met all inclusion criteria and were included in the final synthesis.

The majority of included studies employed quantitative experimental or quasi-experimental designs ($n=27$, 67.5%), followed by qualitative designs ($n=8$, 20%), and mixed-methods designs ($n=5$, 12.5%). Studies originated from Indonesia ($n=18$, 45%), Australia ($n=5$, 12.5%), United States ($n=4$, 10%), Brazil ($n=4$, 10%), Germany ($n=3$, 7.5%), United Kingdom ($n=2$, 5%), Netherlands ($n=2$, 5%), and other countries ($n=2$, 5%). Sample sizes ranged from 24 to 612 participants, with a cumulative total of approximately 7,840 children. Grade levels represented included Grades 1–2 ($n=12$), Grades 3–4 ($n=16$), and Grades 5–6 ($n=12$). Quality scores ranged from 3 to 5 out of 5, with a mean score of 4.1, indicating generally high methodological quality across included studies.

The vast majority of included studies ($n=36$, 90%) reported significant positive effects of physical education programs on at least one motor skill outcome. Studies employing the Test of Gross Motor Development–Third Edition (TGMD-3; Ulrich, 2019) as the primary assessment tool ($n=18$) demonstrated consistent improvements in locomotor and object control subscale scores following structured PE interventions ranging from 8 to 24 weeks in duration. Locomotor skill improvements were reported in 33 of 40 studies (82.5%), with standardized effect sizes ranging from small ($d=0.22$) to large ($d=1.14$), with a median effect size of $d=0.61$. Object control skill improvements were reported in 29 studies (72.5%), with effect sizes from $d=0.18$ to $d=0.97$ (median $d=0.52$). Studies targeting balance and stability skills ($n=14$) reported moderate effect sizes ($d=0.35$ to $d=0.78$, median $d=0.54$). Fine motor skill improvements were reported in 11 studies (27.5%), primarily in contexts integrating craft-based, precision object manipulation, and writing preparation activities within PE programs or cross-curricular approaches (Piek et al., 2021; Cameron et al., 2020).

Game-based learning interventions demonstrated the highest average effect sizes for motor skill improvement ($d=0.72$, 95% CI: 0.58–0.86) compared to traditional drill-based instruction ($d=0.41$, 95% CI: 0.29–0.53) and unstructured free play conditions ($d=0.28$, 95% CI: 0.14–0.42). Studies integrating TGfU, Sport Education Model, and Constraints-Led Approach pedagogies reported superior locomotor and manipulative skill gains compared to teacher-directed, repetition-based instruction (Stolz & Pill, 2021; Buszard et al., 2021; Chow et al., 2020). Indonesian studies using traditional games as the primary instructional medium showed statistically significant improvements in balance, agility, coordination, and locomotor skill outcomes among SD students in Grades 1–4, sup-

porting the cultural relevance and pedagogical effectiveness of permainan tradisional in elementary PE (Nugraha & Widiyatmoko, 2021; Suherman et al., 2021; Firmansyah et al., 2021).

Six key moderating variables emerged from the narrative synthesis. First, session frequency: studies with three or more PE sessions per week demonstrated significantly greater motor skill gains than those with one to two sessions per week (Cairney et al., 2021; Hardy et al., 2022). Second, teacher qualification: specialist PE teachers produced consistently larger effect sizes compared to generalist classroom teachers delivering PE, with the difference most pronounced for object control skill outcomes (Robinson et al., 2022). Third, grade level: lower-grade students (Grades 1–3) demonstrated greater magnitude of motor skill improvement compared to upper-grade students (Grades 4–6), reflecting greater neuromotor plasticity in early elementary years (Wick et al., 2020). Fourth, gender: no significant gender differences in gross motor skill improvement were found in 24 studies, while eight studies identified differential trajectories favoring boys in object control skills and girls in balance and fine motor tasks (Hulteen et al., 2021). Fifth, socioeconomic context: schools in lower socioeconomic contexts reported lower baseline motor proficiency but comparable rates of improvement following quality PE intervention, suggesting that quality PE can mitigate socioeconomic disparities in motor development (Lubans et al., 2020). Sixth, physical environment: schools with adequate outdoor play space, age-appropriate equipment, and purpose-built movement areas reported significantly superior motor skill outcomes compared to schools with constrained physical environments (Niemistö et al., 2020).

The most commonly employed assessment instruments included the TGMD-3 (n=18), Bruininks-Oseretsky Test of Motor Proficiency, Second Edition (BOT-2, n=8), Movement Assessment Battery for Children, Second Edition (MABC-2, n=6), and locally developed and validated motor skill assessment tools normed for Indonesian school-age populations (n=8). Inter-rater and test-retest reliability of assessment instruments demonstrated adequate reliability ($ICC \geq 0.80$) in 38 of 40 studies, supporting the validity of observed motor skill effects across the included literature.

Table 1. Summary of Key Results: Motor Skill Outcomes and Moderating Factors

Category	Key Findings	Effect Size / Evidence
Locomotor Skills	Improved in 33 of 40 studies (82.5%); consistent gains with TGMD-3 across 8–24 week PE programs	$d = 0.22\text{--}1.14$; median $d = 0.61$
Object Control Skills	Improved in 29 of 40 studies (72.5%); game-based approaches yielded the strongest gains	$d = 0.18\text{--}0.97$; median $d = 0.52$
Balance & Stability Skills	Reported in 14 studies; traditional Indonesian games (permainan tradisional) showed significant improvements in Grades 1–4	$d = 0.35\text{--}0.78$; median $d = 0.54$
Pedagogical Approach	GBL outperforms drill-based instruction and unstructured free play across all motor skill domains	GBL $d=0.72$ vs. Drill $d=0.41$ vs. Free play $d=0.28$

Category	Key Findings	Effect Size / Evidence
Session Frequency	≥3 sessions/week produced significantly greater gains than 1–2 sessions/week	Key moderator; aligns with WHO (2020) recommendations
Teacher Qualification	Specialist PE teachers consistently produced larger effect sizes than generalist classroom teachers, most pronounced for object control skills	Critical structural moderator; specialist staffing gap identified in rural Indonesian SD schools
Assessment Instruments	TGMD-3 (n=18), BOT-2 (n=8), MABC-2 (n=6), Indonesian-normed tools (n=8); ICC ≥ 0.80 in 38 of 40 studies	Adequate reliability supports validity of observed motor skill effects across the literature

Note. GBL = Game-Based Learning; TGMD-3 = Test of Gross Motor Development, 3rd ed.; BOT-2 = Bruininks-Oseretsky Test, 2nd ed.; MABC-2 = Movement ABC, 2nd ed.; ICC = Intraclass Correlation Coefficient.

Discussion

This systematic review provides robust evidence that structured physical education programs significantly improve motor skill development in elementary school children. Gross motor skills—particularly locomotor (median $d=0.61$) and object control (median $d=0.52$)—showed the largest and most consistent gains, with 90% of included studies reporting at least one significant positive motor skill outcome. Game-based learning (GBL) interventions demonstrated markedly higher average effect sizes ($d=0.72$) than traditional drill-based instruction ($d=0.41$) and unstructured free play ($d=0.28$), consistent with predictions from Dynamic Systems Theory (Thelen & Smith, 2021) and the Constraints-Led Approach (Chow et al., 2020). The contextually rich, intrinsically motivating nature of game environments engages children’s perceptual-motor systems in an integrated fashion that promotes robust and transferable motor learning.

Traditional Indonesian games (permainan tradisional) emerged as particularly effective and culturally congruent vehicles for motor skill development. Games such as gobak sodor and engklek inherently combine locomotor, balance, and coordination demands within culturally meaningful social contexts, generating high motivational salience and sustained engagement. These findings strongly support the strategic integration of permainan tradisional throughout the PJOK curriculum as legitimate, evidence-based vehicles for fundamental movement skill instruction—not merely as cultural enrichment. Pre-service and in-service PE teacher education programs at Indonesian universities (LPTK) should systematically incorporate GBL frameworks, including Teaching Games for Understanding (TGfU) and the Sport Education Model, to equip teachers with the practical competencies necessary to facilitate effective game-based PE environments.

Six moderating factors critically shaped motor skill outcomes across the included studies. Session frequency was among the most influential: programs offering three or more PE sessions per week produced significantly greater gains than those with one to two sessions (Cairney et al., 2021; Hardy et al., 2022). Teacher qualification constituted the second major moderator, with specialist PJOK teachers consistently generating larger effect sizes than generalist classroom teachers—a gap most pronounced for object control skills (Robinson et al., 2022). Grade level also mattered, with

lower-grade students (Grades 1–3) demonstrating greater motor skill plasticity and responsiveness to intervention than upper-grade peers. Physical environment quality, socioeconomic context, and gender (differential trajectories for object control and balance skills) further moderated outcomes. These findings collectively highlight that program effectiveness cannot be understood apart from the structural and contextual conditions in which PE is delivered.

Beyond motor skill gains, this review documents a bidirectional relationship between motor competence and cognitive development—including executive functions such as working memory and inhibitory control—and psychosocial wellbeing (Cameron et al., 2020; Hulteen et al., 2021). Several studies reported parallel improvements in academic readiness alongside motor skill gains, consistent with the embodied cognition hypothesis (Whitehead, 2021). Children with higher motor proficiency also demonstrated greater self-efficacy, more positive peer relationships, and lower social anxiety. These findings caution against reducing PE time in favor of academic instructional time, as such trade-offs may be counterproductive for holistic child development. The COVID-19 pandemic provided a natural experiment confirming these interdependencies: documented motor skill regression during school closures (Hardy et al., 2022; Flôres et al., 2021) underscored the non-substitutable role of structured, in-person physical education.

The policy implications of this review are substantial. For Indonesian educational authorities, the evidence supports: (1) mandating a minimum of three PE sessions per week across all SD grade levels (WHO, 2020); (2) strengthening specialist PJOK teacher recruitment, particularly for rural and remote schools, through targeted incentive structures within the PPG and Guru Penggerak initiatives; (3) embedding validated motor skill assessment tools (e.g., TGMD-3 normed for Indonesian populations) in PJOK curriculum frameworks under Kurikulum Merdeka; and (4) prioritizing PE infrastructure investment alongside low-cost environmental modifications such as marked schoolyard activity zones and outdoor skill stations. Methodological limitations of this review include heterogeneity across study designs that precluded formal meta-analysis, potential publication bias, and reliance on diverse assessment instruments. Future research should prioritize randomized controlled trials of GBL interventions in Indonesian SD settings, longitudinal tracking of motor skill trajectories across the full elementary school span, and development of Indonesian-normed assessment tools to enable meaningful population-level monitoring.

Conclusion

This systematic review synthesizes evidence from 40 peer-reviewed studies encompassing more than 7,800 elementary school children across 10 countries, demonstrating with considerable consistency that structured physical education programs exert significant positive effects on motor skill development during the elementary school years. Game-based learning approaches, including the integration of traditional Indonesian children's games, demonstrate the strongest effects on motor skill outcomes, outperforming traditional drill-based instruction across locomotor, object control, and balance skill domains. Key moderating factors—including session frequency, teacher specialization, grade level, socioeconomic context, and physical environment quality—highlight the importance of structural and systemic conditions in realizing the motor development potential of elementary PE.

Evidence-based recommendations for Indonesian educational policy include ensuring minimum PE session frequency of three times weekly, investing in specialist PE teacher preparation and

professional development, integrating validated motor skill assessment tools into SD PE practice, prioritizing physical education infrastructure investment, and systematically embedding traditional Indonesian games within the PJOK curriculum framework. These actions, grounded in the best available evidence, have the potential to substantially improve motor skill development outcomes for Indonesian elementary school students, with cascading benefits for physical activity participation, health, cognitive function, and psychosocial wellbeing across the lifespan. Physical education must be recognized not as a peripheral curriculum component but as a foundational investment in the holistic development of Indonesia's elementary school children.

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