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# Scientific Approach in K-13; the Impact on the Quality of the Learning Process and Outcomes in MAN

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#### Abstract

The Kurikulum 2013 -Indonesia's novel Curriculum invented in 2013- is implemented through activity-based learning using a scientific approach. Curriculum changes do not only occur in the dimensions of the plan/document, but in its implementation in the quality of the process which has an impact on learning outcomes. This research aims to determine the implementation of the Kurikulum 2013 scientific approach and its impact on the quality of the learning processes and outcomes at MAN in Lampung Province. The research uses a mixed methods with sequential mixed methods design. The respondents consisted of 26 teachers and 126 students. Data were collected by conducting interview, observation, documentation, and questionnaire. The validity was tested by Pearson's validity and Cronbach Alpha reliability. The results showed that teachers can apply a scientific approach to the implementation of the Kurikulum 2013 well. It can be seen from the teacher's ability to prepare lesson plans, though there are some teachers (working period of 21 to 30 years) who are constrained during the learning process, such as observing the learning and not being able in presenting the media. The scientific approach has a very good impact on the quality of the learning process and outcomes. It can be seen by the increase in student learning outcomes.

**Keywords:** Curriculum 2013; scientific approach; learning process and outcomes

#### **Abstrak**

Kurikulum 2013 diimplementasikan melalui pembelajaran berbasis aktivitas dengan menggunakan pendekatan saintifik. Perubahan kurikulum tidak hanya terjadi pada dimensi rencana/dokumen, melainkan implementasinya dalam kualitas proses yang berdampak pada hasil pembelajaran. Tujuan penelitian untuk mengetahui implementasi pendekatan saintifik kurikulum 2013 dan dampaknya terhadap kualitas proses dan hasil pembelajaran pada MAN di Provinsi Lampung. Metode penelitian menggunakan mixed method dengan desain sequential mixed methods. Total responden terdiri dari 26 guru dan 126 siswa. Data dikumpulkan dengan wawancara, observasi, dokumentasi, dan angket. Keabsahan diuji dengan validitas Pearson dan reliabilitas Cronbach Alpha. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa guru dapat menerapkan pendekatan saintifik dalam implementasi kurikulum 2013 dengan baik. Hal ini terlihat dari kemampuan guru menyusun RPP, namun ada beberapa guru (masa kerja 21 sd 30 tahun) yang terkendala pada saat proses pembelajaran, seperti hal mengamati dan kurang dalam membawakan media. Pendekatan saintifik berdampak sangat baik terhadap kualitas proses dan hasil pembelajaran, terlihat dengan meningkatnya hasil belajar siswa.

Kata kunci: Kurikulum 2013; saintifik proses; dan hasil belajar

#### A. Introduction

The non-optimal scientific development of student potential occurs because students gain more knowledge or science through explanations from the teacher. This of course has an impact on the low quality of education graduates (Jacobs & Renandya, 2019; Jilin, 2017; Raharjo, 2013; Tan & Low, 2019; Teo et al., 2013). In fact, the characteristics of the current 2013 curriculum (K-13) is using an integrative scientific and thematic approach that recommend learning that actualizes all potential and raises student motivation. This approach aims to make students gain experience and be trained directly to seek knowledge that is learned independently (Pahrudin et al., 2020; Permendikbud, 2016; Purwanto et al., 2020; Wijaya Kuswanto & Dinda Pratiwi, 2020). The scientific approach is a golden step for the development of skills, attitudes, and knowledge to obtain graduates who are reliable and have noble character needs guidance so that students are creative, innovative, and productive so that students are ready to compete globally(Ho, 2018; Muslim, 2017; Rusman, 2017; Saddhono, 2018). If the stages of the scientific approach are carried out well, learning will be centered on students and students will get used to higher-order thinking, the ability to solve problems will develop, and student learning outcomes will increase. (Fatmawati et al., 2018; Pratiwi, 2019)

This condition is of course contrary to the goal of changing the K-13. The curriculum itself has undergone several revisions, starting from a revision of learning tools, approaches, to assessment scales(Saddhono, 2018). In the revised K-13 or what is currently often referred to as K-13, it does not make the scientific approach the only learning method, but if it is used the arrangement does not have to be sequential. The existence of teacher freedom in processing the learning model at K-13 requires teachers to be more qualified and have high creativity.

The quality of education is determined by good planning and management so that the learning process can achieve educational goals. The teacher as a facilitator, motivator, and student partner during the learning process play an important role(Siskandar, 2017). In addition, the quality of education is of course also supported by a good, dynamic, and open curriculum, and can accommodate skills globally. Thus, a good curriculum and quality teachers can have an impact on improving the quality of education(Sumiarwan, 2017).

The description above is supported by previous research, that scientific learning needs to be maintained as a basis for shaping scientific knowledge to be objective and subjective simultaneously (Jedemark, 2019). Meanwhile, curriculum changes need to be implemented because normative principle is still clearly prominent so that student learning outcomes are still fixated on aspects of knowledge (Roth & Friesen, 2014). By implementing the K-13, it is hoped that the goals in shaping the character of the nation can be achieved (Judge, 2017).

For this reason, this research needs to be done to describe how the application of the scientific approach to K-13 in the MAN environment and its impact on the quality of the learning process as seen from the ability of teachers to prepare lesson plans and teaching and how it impacts student learning outcomes.

#### B. Discussion

#### 1. Research methods

This study uses a sequential mixed methods design (John W. Creswell, 2017; Mason et al., 2020; Pelto, 2015). The population in this study were teachers and students of MAN 1

Bandar Lampung (MAN 1 BL) and MAN 1 Pesisir Barat (MAN 1 PSB). The following are the research methods in Table 1.

Table 1. Research Methods

Method	Qualitative	Quantitative
Sample	Informants: 13 Teachers	Respondents: 13
		teachers and 63
		students
Sampling Technique	Pusposive	Cluster Random
Instrument	Main; Researcher,	Observation
	Help; Interview and	(checklist) and
	Documentation	Questionnaire
Validity	Triangulation Method	Product Moment
Reliability	Audit	Alpha Croncbanch
Data analysis	Data reduction	Likert scale

# 2. Description of Research Data

## a. Qualitative Data Descriptions

Following are the results of the triangulation of data in Table 2 obtained from 26 teachers:

Table 2. Interview Triangulation Data and Documentation

Aspect	Interview	Documentation
Teacher's	Teachers in two schools have	Teachers can compile lesson
understanding of scientific approach	understood and implemented a scientific approach to learning well. Even though there are teachers at MAN 1 Pesisir Barat who still have difficulty in preparing learning media that can support students' reasoning processes. Then, students become more active when identifying problems, finding solutions properly, and arousing students' curiosity.	even though in practice there are teachers who are not in accordance with the lesson plans, such as the suitability of time, evaluation, and media
Learning	Student responses were very	Students are enthusiastic when
response with a	enthusiastic, positive, challenged	
scientific	because they were given the	their findings.
approach	opportunity by the teacher to	
	represent their abilities in front of	

	their friends. Scientific approach is	
	suitable for MIA subjects, although	
	some students are still a little slow in	
	responding.	
Scientific impact	According to teachers in two	The scores of students who
on the quality of	schools, science has had a good	reach the KKM are more than
the process and	impact. This can be seen from the	those under the KKM.
learning	accumulation of better scores	
outcomes	related to cognitive, psychomotor,	
	and affective aspects. Students are	
	more able to find important	
	concepts for their critical thinking	
	skills process.	
Barriers to the use	Raising the enthusiasm of students	Less learning media used by
of science	to ask questions, representing the	teachers.
	results for shy children, it takes time	
	and high creativity for teachers and	
	infrastructure is still lacking.	

## b. Quantitative Data Descriptions

This analysis was carried out by using the Likert scale test to determine the impact of the scientific approach on the quality of the process and learning outcomes at the MAN level.

## 1) Ability to Design RPP (Lesson Plan)

This instrument is measured by observation, the researcher provides a checklist of components in accordance with the lesson plan. The instrument contains seven components of the teacher's ability to prepare lesson plans, which are submitted to 13 teachers for each school. Following are the results of data analysis on the ability to compile RPP in Table 3.

Table 3. Observation Results Ability to Prepare RPP

N	Catagogy	MAN 1 BL					MAN 1 PSB			
0.	Category	F	X	f (x)	$M = \frac{\sum f(x)}{f}$	F	X	f (x)	$M = \frac{\sum f(x)}{f}$	
1	Very good	33	5	165		17	5	85		
2	Well	36	4	144	-	42	4	168	•	
3	Enough	22	3	66	M = 375/91	32	3	96	M = 349/91	
4	Not good	0	2	0	-	0	2	0	•	
5	Not very good	0	1	0	-	0	1	0	-	
	Total	91		375	4.1	91		349	3.84	

The data in table 3 shows that the comparison of the results obtained at MAN 1 BL was 4.1 with very good criteria, while MAN 1 PSB was 3.84 with good criteria. Thus, it can be concluded that the ability of teachers to prepare lesson plans in MAN 1 BL and MAN 1 PSB is in a good category.

### 2) Ability in Implementing Learning

The instrument is measured through the observation sheet. Practically, the researcher providing a checklist on the sheet that is in accordance with the implementation of learning carried out by the teacher. This instrument contains 18 components that cover the teacher's ability to carry out learning. The following are the results of data analysis on the ability to carry out learning in Table 4.

MAN 1 BL MAN 1 PSB No Category Very good 1 5 655 131 64 320 2 Well 4 4 332 83 444 111 M =M =3 3 Enough 3 20 60 58 174 1047/234 940/234 2 2 Less 0 0 1 2 Not very good 1 1 0 0 0 0 Total 4.47 4.02

Table 4. Observation Results of Ability in Implementing Learning

Based on the data in table 4, it can be seen that the comparison of the results obtained at MAN 1 BL is 4.47, while MAN 1 PSB is 4.02, both of which fall into the very good criteria. It can be concluded that the ability of MAN 1 BL and MAN 1 PSB teachers in implementing learning is very good.

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#### 3) Student Response

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Student responses were measured by a questionnaire totaling 40 items ranging from 1 to 4 and submitted to 63 students for each school. The following are the results of the analysis of the student response questionnaire data in Table 5.

Table 5. Results from Student Questionnaire Against the Implementation of the Scientific Approach

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Na	Cakazia		MAN 1 BL				MAN 1 PSB			
No	Category	F	Х	f(x)	$M = \frac{\sum f(x)}{f}$	F	X	f(x)	$M = \frac{\sum f(x)}{f}$	
1	Strongly agree	793	4	3172		961	4	3844		
2	Agree	1147	3	3441	- M =	1062	3	3186	. M =	
3	Disagree	496	2	992	7689/2520	385	2	770	7912/2520	
4	Strongly		1		. , -	112	1	112	•	
	Disagree	84		84		112	1	112		
	Total	2520		7689	3.05	2520	•	7912	3.15	

Based on table 5, it can be seen that the comparison of the results obtained at MAN 1 BL is 3.05, while MAN 1 PSB is 3.15, both of which fall into good criteria. It can be concluded that the responses given by students of MAN 1 BL and MAN 1 PSB were good for the implementation of the scientific approach.

## 4) Teacher Response to the Implementation of the Scientific Approach

Teacher responses were measured using a questionnaire totaling 40 items, ranging from 1 to 4, submitted to 13 teachers for each school. The following is in Table 6.

Table 6. Teacher Questionnaire Results on the Implementation of the Scientific Approach

N	N Catagory		MAN 1 BL					MAN 1 PSB			
O	Category	F	X	f(x)	$M = \frac{\sum f(x)}{f}$	F	X	f(x)	$M = \frac{\sum f(x)}{f}$		
1	Strongly agree	210	4	840		226	4	904			
2	Agree	200	3	600	M =	230	3	690	M =		
3	Disagree	83	2	166	1633/520	54	2	108	1712/520		
4	Strongly Disagree	27	1	27		10	1	10			
	Total			163	3.14			171	3.29		
	10001	520		3		520		2			

Based on table 6, it can be seen that the comparison of the results obtained at MAN 1 BL is 3.14, while MAN 1 PSB is 3.29, both of which fall into the good criteria. It can be

concluded that the responses given by teachers of MAN 1 BL and MAN 1 PSB were good for the implementation of the scientific approach.

## 5) Learning outcomes

The impact of implementing the scientific approach on student learning outcomes can be seen from the final semester results listed in Table 7

No.	School	Total students	Average Learning Outcomes
1	MAN 1 Bandar Lampung	63	76,412
2	MAN 1 West Coast	63	78,730
	Overall average		77,571

Based on the data table 7, it can be seen that the overall average student learning outcomes of MAN 1 Bandar Lampung and MAN 1 Pesisir Barat are 77.571. While the average student learning outcomes of MAN 1 Pesisir Barat were higher than those of MAN 1 Bandar Lampung. When compared with the KKM learning scores, the average learning outcomes of the two schools were declared complete.

#### 3. Research Data Narrative

The application of the K-13 scientific approach is seen from the ability of teachers to compile lesson plans and carry out learning that has been done well. The lesson plan (RPP) contains the activity plan from the beginning to the evaluation planning appropriately. In practice, teachers are more innovative in managing the learning process so that the target KKM learning is achieved. It can be seen that the teacher applies the scientific learning model, namely PBL. Teachers always apply innovative learning models, stimulate students to analyze problems, and explore their cognitive abilities to solve a problem. This is in line with the view that teachers need to always see directly, direct in-depth regarding student activities when interacting effectively (Brandenburg, 2016; Brooks et al., 2019; Rogers, 2019; Thapa et al., 2016; Webster & Whelen, 2019).

These results are supported by the data analysis checklist sheet. However, these results differ from interview and documentation data. There are still teachers who have difficulty in preparing the media, especially teachers in science studies, such as mathematics and science. Meanwhile, teachers in the field of social studies, religion, and language are sufficiently able to explore learning media and time management during the learning process. Judging from the teacher's profile, the work period of 11 to 20 years is the best in preparing lesson plans, class

management, providing teaching aids both manual and software. Meanwhile, teachers with a working period of 0 to 10 years are quite capable of managing the class, 21 to 30 years of age have difficulty providing teaching aids with the help of software/applications. Then from the documentation data, some teachers do not use the lesson plan as a guide in learning activities and have difficulties in providing learning media/teaching aids. The teacher's ability to prepare lesson plans and carry out learning certainly supports the quality of the learning process (Sumiarwan, 2017).

The explanation above is an obstacle felt by the teacher. It is still difficult to manage time, grow motivation, and prepare learning media or infrastructure. So, there needs to be a follow-up to minimize existing problems, both from the government, then forwarded to the teacher. Scientific applications have received good responses. This is evidenced from the results of interviews, documentation, and questionnaires. The teacher challenges students to find something related to the lesson so that students are motivated to hone their cognitive abilities in terms of exploring and analyzing a problem. The teacher also always allows students to present their findings in front of the class so that students are more courageous in expressing their opinions. The existence of this action certainly stimulates students to hone their cognitive abilities in terms of exploring and analyzing a problem.

Based on the learning outcome data, scientific learning is suitable to be implemented to improve student learning outcomes. This is in accordance with DeVito's theory (Ahmdi, N., Peter, L., Lubart, T., & Besançon, 2019; Faisal, 2014; Gregerson et al., 2013; Stacey et al., 2018), which explained that the scientific approach is the development of scientific thinking skills as well as increased creative thinking skills and a student's sense of inquiry. Solving problems in learning will be done objectively. The point is when students solve student problems using an inductive approach. This is the impact of scientific learning when the problem-solving process starts from specific things to things that are general in nature. Thus, this is in accordance with the scientific theory which emphasizes more on process skills, such as observing, classifying, measuring, predicting, explaining, and concluding (Beghetto & Corazza, 2019; Gosper et al., 2014; Ihsan, 2014; Peppler, 2017; Yu et al., 2020).

Thus, the application of the scientific approach in the implementation of the 2013 Curriculum can help to create learning that meets process standards to improve the quality of learning. It can also help to achieve complete learning and educational goals, including

attitudes (religious attitudes and social attitudes), knowledge, and skills. Activities developed in a scientific approach can trigger the emergence and creation of various learning experiences obtained by students by involving all five senses, physically and psychologically so that students develop their various potentials.

#### C. Conclusion

Teachers are able to apply the scientific approach in implementing the 2013 curriculum well. This can be seen from the results of the teacher's ability to prepare lesson plans and carry out learning in class. Both the teachers in MAN 1 BL and MAN 1 PSB already know and understand the theories, concepts and use a scientific approach. Understanding of techniques and theories about the scientific approach is not in doubt. A very valuable finding for improvement is that there are still some teachers who don't display the media very much during the learning process. In addition, there are teachers who do not carry out the process in accordance with the RPP even though in the context of the scientific approach, the ability and willingness to use learning media is a necessity.

The scientific approach has a good impact on the quality of the learning process. The teacher is always active in motivating, stimulating students to think scientifically, and allowing students to represent their findings. Thus, the self-confidence of each student appears. Students are enthusiastic about the learning process. Student abilities in critical thinking by observing, questioning, reasoning and communicating skills are also increasing. This certainly has a good impact on student learning outcomes, indicated by the average value of learning outcomes is above the KKM, better than before.

Finally, the research suggests that teachers need to consider the implementation time, the suitability of the lesson plan with the implementation of learning, and the availability of media to support learning. The freedom of teachers to manage classes at K-13 certainly forces teachers to always be creative in planning and implementing learning that can increase and actualize all the potential that students have. Because no matter how great a curriculum is, if the teacher doesn't understand it and is unable to implement it, then it doesn't have any meaning. Therefore, in the context of curriculum implementation, in the end, it returns to the ability of teachers who are at the forefront of carrying out the quality of the learning process as a real curriculum which has an impact on the quality of results (Curriculum as product).

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