

## Special Issue

# The Role of Youth Sports in STEM Learning, Psychological Development, and Social-Emotional Learning

### Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue explores the intersection of youth sports, STEM education, psychological development, and social-emotional learning (SEL), with a particular focus on children aged 6 to 12.

This Special Issue will investigate the role of youth sports as a mechanism for advancing broader educational outcomes, particularly in STEM learning and psychological development. We seek to understand how sports-based interventions promote cognitive engagement, problem-solving, teamwork, and resilience in school-aged children.

We welcome empirical research, theoretical discussions, and case studies exploring cross-curricular efforts linking sports with STEM education, SEL, and psychological well-being. Contributions may focus on in-school, after-school, or summer programs that integrate athletic activities with academic instruction.

By bringing together diverse perspectives, this Special Issue aims to provide evidence-based insights into how youth sports can serve as a vehicle for academic success, emotional regulation, and social development. We strive to highlight best practices and innovative strategies that enhance learning outcomes through sports-based pedagogy.

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