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SOCIALLY HEALTHY PERSONALITY FORMATION THROUGH SOCIO-CULTURAL LEISURE ACTIVITIES

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Abstract

The article examines the development of a socially and physically healthy personality within the context of cultural and leisure activities. As a systemic construct, social and physical health consists of interrelated structural elements. To provide methodological support for fostering social and physical well-being, axiological, personal-activity, and subject-oriented approaches are utilized as the foundation for cultural and leisure programs.

Keywords

individual, socially healthy, cultural and recreational activity, creativity, social, physical activity, youth well-being, socialization, physical health criteria.

Introduction: Leisure time exerts a profound influence on all spheres of human life activity and encompasses substantial educational and pedagogical potential. However, researchers highlight a characteristic contemporary trend regarding the leisure behavior of youth and university students: leisure spending is increasingly dominated by hypodynamia-that is, physical inactivity, sedentary rest, and passive behaviors. According to scholars, the cultural-developmental potential of the socio-cultural sphere remains largely unutilized by a significant proportion of young people. Social practice demonstrates that when the culture of leisure utilization is relatively low-characterized by passivity (spontaneity), consumerist attitudes, prestige-driven motivation, and similar orientations-it fails to facilitate the expected restoration of depleted energy, foster spiritual, cultural, and physical development, or enable the flourishing of creative capacities. In some instances, it may even transform into a criminogenic factor within society.

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Consequently, at present, the issue of effectively leveraging the educational potential of cultural and recreational activities within the pedagogical system of higher education institutions has acquired particular urgency. This stems from the fact that the domain of leisure represents one of the dominant spheres of human life, holding profound significance and exerting a decisive impact on individual personality development.

The cultural and developmental significance of leisure activity lies not merely in enhancing an individual's creative inclinations and capabilities. Under conditions of leisure, an individual's active interaction with the surrounding environment is ensured, facilitating the transmission of moral, ethical, and spiritual-cultural values, preserving intergenerational continuity, transferring traditions, and stimulating social and physical activity. Through this cultural-developmental potential, favorable conditions are created for cultivating a socially and physically healthy personality.

In contemporary socio-economic conditions, preserving and enhancing public health has emerged as one of the state's paramount objectives. Furthermore, the health of the rising generation reflects the labor potential reserve of human resources in both short- and long-term perspectives. Therefore, ensuring youth well-being, fostering their holistic development, and facilitating their timely integration into societal life represent priority tasks for society.

In this regard, beyond their specialized functions, the broader system of socio-cultural activity and cultural-recreational activities-which occupy a specific stage within the structure of physical education-are entrusted with the vital task of safeguarding the physical, psychological, and social health of the individual. Promoting a healthier societal life demands a full recognition of the crucial role played by cultural and recreational activities in affirming personal dignity and establishing the primacy of universal human values. The overall outcome of cultural-recreational activities oriented toward individual socialization is the preservation of social and physical health, serving as an integrative characteristic of personal states and traits that foster social well-being.

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Social and physical health constitutes a systemic formation comprising several interrelated and mutually conditioned components:

► *Socio-psychological adaptability*

► *Self-actualization*

► *Social orientation grounded in universal human values*

The interplay of these components ensures *adaptability*-conceived as the harmonious balance between individual adaptation and personal autonomy (individuation)-as the most vital criterion of social and physical health.

In alignment with these identified structural components of social and physical health, the organization of cultural and recreational activities must be grounded in axiological, personal-activity, and subject-centered (agentic) approaches. These approaches delineate the goals, objectives, fundamental principles, directions, content, and forms of organizing socio-cultural and recreational activities designed to ensure individual social health. The primary objective of cultural-recreational activity is to establish optimal conditions for shaping a socially and physically healthy personality through the acquisition of freely chosen educational and developmental programs and engagement in diverse forms of leisure, thereby enabling individual self-determination and self-actualization within society. Achieving this objective within the system of cultural-recreational activity necessitates the construction of a model of a socially and physically healthy personality-specifically, identifying the traits and attributes that define social and physical health.

Positive socio-psychological disposition: the presence of meaning in life; success in social relationships, including satisfaction with peer communication, satisfaction with one's status within the group, and successful interaction with parents, teachers, and other adults; success in core domains of activity; low anxiety.

According to the developed model of a socially healthy personality, achieving the objective of cultural and leisure activities requires addressing the following tasks:

- Forming a system of socially acceptable and individually meaningful value orientations that determine an individual's positive attitude toward the world,

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surrounding people, and themselves;

- Fostering children's value-normative behavior based on the internalization of moral values, the pursuit of cooperation and mutual understanding, and the capacity to interact effectively with others;

- Promoting an orientation toward a healthy lifestyle, care for the natural and social environment, and the preservation of personal health;

- Creating conditions for adopting a system of values and lifestyle practices that prevent addictive behavior;

- Developing independence, social engagement, and responsibility, alongside the capacity for self-organization and self-regulation;

- Developing meaningful life orientations of the individual;

- Creating conditions to integrate individuals into diverse social networks and organizing socio-cultural practice and experience;

- Ensuring opportunities for self-expression and the achievement of success across various forms of activity and interpersonal communication.

An orientation toward an individual’s interests and needs, along with their development as an active agent of their own endeavor and life in general, must be integrated with an orientation toward fostering traits and qualities that ensure their formation as a responsible citizen-one who takes responsibility for their actions, cares for the well-being of others, and is prepared for interaction with peers and adults. This implies harmonizing person-centered and socially oriented educational approaches within the framework of cultural and leisure activities.

To achieve this objective, it is necessary to adhere to a comprehensive set of principles:

- The principle of integrity: Directing the educational process toward creating conditions for the holistic development of the individual and ensuring all components of social health.

- The principle of comprehensiveness: Integrating all domains of cultural and leisure activities into the process of fostering individual social health, maintaining

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continuity among various types of activities, and directly and consciously engaging all participants of the pedagogical process, as well as society, in targeted efforts aimed at social health improvement.

- The principle of social compensation and safety: Ensuring the social and legal protection of the individual, which requires social support and the utilization of social upbringing methods and techniques that do not jeopardize individual social health.

- The principle of social hardening (resilience): Creating conditions to overcome social hardships and life challenges, defend one's position, demonstrate social initiative, and master psychological protection mechanisms against manipulation and peer pressure; engaging the learner in situations requiring willpower to overcome negative societal influences, thereby fostering social immunity, stress resistance, and a reflective disposition.

- The principle of sociality and cultural alignment in the pedagogical process: Safeguarding children's social health within cultural and leisure activities, guiding them toward socially and culturally acceptable norms and standards of physical, mental, and social health.

- The principle of socio-tolerance: Recognizing a person's right to choose their own social lifestyle-provided it is accepted within the given community and does not harm their own life or the social health of others—as a supreme value.

- The principle of involving the individual in active social practice**:** Enhancing and transforming social experience through simulated and real-life situations of social interaction modeled during cultural and leisure activities, as well as through the organization of social assistance and socially oriented socio-cultural activities.

The content and implementation of socially healthy personality education

The content of educating a socially healthy personality within cultural and leisure activities refers to the unique body of human experience whose assimilation shapes the individual's spiritual and moral worldview, their emotional-evaluative attitude toward the world and themselves, and the core values underlying social-health education. In line with these approaches, research identifies structural

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components of social experience whose transmission to learners during cultural and leisure activities ensures the preservation and development of personal social health.

Furthermore, the content of educating a socially healthy personality encompasses not only comprehending humanity's social and value-oriented experience, but also acquiring personal experience and developing a personal framework of socio-value relations, which are holistically reflected in the learner's emotional-evaluative relationship with the world and themselves.

Social experience	**Values**
-Experience of socio-normative behavior; -Experience of maintaining a healthy lifestyle; -Experience of positive interaction with peers and adults; -Experience of intercultural communication, cooperation with representatives of other nationalities, and national identity awareness; -Experience of social service, volunteering, and altruistic support for others; -Experience of socially oriented independent cultural leisure activities and organizing activities for others; -Experience of self-determination regarding life purpose and personal values; -Experience of creative activity, self-realization, and achieving success; -Moral values: humanism, kindness, honesty, justice, loyalty, humility, among others.	-Ethical values: humanism, benevolence, integrity, justice, loyalty, humility, and others; -Physical health, psychological stability, a healthy lifestyle; -Understanding, acceptance, respect, magnanimity, cooperation, gratitude; -Freedom, equality of rights, solidarity, respect for national traditions, tolerance, non-violence, internationalism, patriotism, national dignity; -Care, assistance, support, compassion, service, volunteering, charity, altruism, duty; -Diligence, initiative, proactiveness, independence, purposefulness, responsibility, competence, personal contribution; -Meaning of life, purpose, spirituality, love, hope, trust, beauty, truth; -Creativity, self-dedication, self-expression, self-affirmation, success.

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The assimilation of this content is realized through three primary categories of activity:

1. Education
2. Cultural leisure
3. Societal interaction (engaging general and vocational educational institutions, youth and children's organizations, social protection committees, families, medical facilities, and legal bodies).

These activities are operationalized through the formulation and implementation of socio-pedagogical educational programs, such as:

Lifestyle-oriented programs: Programs aimed at promoting healthy living, forming personal health-preservation skills, and establishing positive interactions with the surrounding natural and social environments (e.g., "Fundamentals of a healthy lifestyle" sports programs).

Prevention-oriented programs: Programs ensuring the acquisition of value systems and constructive life habits that prevent addictive behaviors (e.g., "Prevention of addictive behavior").

Process criteria include the following:

The availability of various forms and types of cultural and leisure activities;

The cohesion of the student community and the presence of student self-governing bodies responsible for organizing cultural and recreational activities;

Student involvement in actively engaging, socially significant activities (such as volunteering, community service, etc.);

The presence of traditions within student associations and their development throughout cultural and leisure processes;

The readiness of students to collaborate with peer groups and educators in organizing cultural and leisure activities.

Based on the primary goal and tasks of developing a socially healthy personality, the relevant criteria and outcomes were defined.

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The primary criteria for determining social health consist of the individual's value-normative position, social activity, positive socio-psychological health, and socio-psychological adaptability as an integrative indicator of social health. A harmonious balance among all these components serves as the leading criterion for determining and evaluating the effectiveness of cultural and leisure activities in developing a socially healthy personality.

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