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Turkish Adaptation, Validity and Reliability Studies of **Teaching Mathematics in Inclusive Settings Survey**

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Abstract

The aim of the research is to adapt the Teaching Mathematics in Inclusive Settings (TMIS) survey into Turkish and determine their psychometric properties over the country sample. The research was performed with 338 general education teachers who are responsible teaching mathematics to inclusive students. The scale in which linguistic equivalence and face validity were achieved was a measuring tool of 9-point grading type including 12 items and two sub fields. CFA results (x²/df=4.4, RMSEA=.07, SRMR=.04, GFI=.92, AGFI=.86, NFI=.98, NNFI=.96, RFI=.96, IFI=.97 and CFI=.98) indicated that the scale had an acceptable goodness of fit. It was observed that the scale achieved criterion related validity. It was determined that Cronbach's alpha internal consistency reliability and split-half reliabilities were high, item total correlations were high and the differences between %27 upper-lower groups were significant. In the light of the findings, it can be stated that TMIS survey can be used as a valid and reliable measuring tool in determining the efficacy of general education teachers in Turkey for teaching mathematics to inclusive students.

Keywords: Inclusive settings, mathematics teaching efficacy, confirmatory factor analysis, validity, reliability.

Kaynaştırma Uygulamalarında Matematik Öğretimi Ölçeğinin Türkçe Uyarlama, Geçerlik ve Güvenirlik Çalışmaları

Öz

Araştırmanın amacı Kaynaştırma Uygulamalarında Matematik Öğretimi (KUMÖ) Ölçeğinin Türkçeye uyarlanması ve ülke örneklemi üzerinden psikometrik özelliklerinin belirlenmesidir. Araştırma kaynaştırma öğrencilerine matematik öğretiminden sorumlu 338 sınıf öğretmeni ile gerçekleştirilmiştir. On iki soru ve iki alt alandan oluşan dokuzlu derecelendirme tipi ölçme aracının dilsel eşdeğerliği ve görünüm geçerliği elde edilmiştir. Doğrulayıcı faktör analizi sonuçları (x²/sd=4.4, RMSEA=.10, SRMR=.04, GFI=.90, AGFI=.85, NFI=.98, NNFI=.97, RFI=.97, IFI=.98, CFI=.98) ölçeğin iyi düzeyde uyum iyiliğine sahip olduğunu göstermektedir. Ölçeğin ölçüt bağıntılı geçerliliği sağladığı gözlenmiştir. Ölçeğin Cronbach's alfa iç tutarlık güvenirliği ve iki yarı güvenirliğinin yüksek, madde toplam korelasyonlarının yüksek ve %27 alt-üst grup ortalamaları arasındaki farkın anlamlı olduğu belirlenmiştir. Bulgular ışığında, KUMÖ ölçeğinin Türkiye'de kaynaştırma öğrencilerine

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matematik öğretiminde genel eğitim (sınıf) öğretmenlerinin yeterliklerinin belirlenmesinde geçerli ve güvenilir bir ölçme aracı olarak kullanılabileceği ifade edilebilir.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Kaynaştırma uygulamaları, matematik öğretimi yeterliği, doğrulayıcı faktör analizi, geçerlik, güvenirlik.

1. INTRODUCTION

Presenting what is needed to achieve the aims personally or professionally is related with the positive or negative sense about the efficacy of the individual (Bandura, 1997). The postulate of Bandura (1997) about this issue is that behavior is related with the belief of individual's own efficacy rather than what he/she can overcome. Perceived efficacy belief can affect the individual in a positive and reinforcing way, but also in a negative and discouraging way (Lewandowski, 2005). Teachers' believing in their own efficacy allows for structuring knowledge and understanding in terms of meeting the learning needs of students and brings along better patterning and presentation of teaching which provides the access of the student to knowledge. Thereby, there is a strong relationship between teacher efficacy and increasing the success of the students (Aerni, 2008; Lewandowski, 2005).

Teacher efficacy corresponds to the belief of having the efficacy which may affect the success and learning of the students in a way to include all students with developmental inefficacy (Hoy, 2000). Inclusive study which is associated with teacher efficacy sense has an effect on the quality and effectiveness of the teaching provided for all students. Factors such as received education and experience, sense of the support provided by the school, inefficacy type and level of the students in inclusive environments affect the efficacy sense of the teachers. Teachers report that they experience a lack of efficacy in meeting the requirements and aims in Individualized Education Programs (IEP) especially in inclusive applications (Avramidis, Bayliss and Burden, 2000). It was determined that the teachers with high efficacy in the education for students with special needs use efficient teaching strategies such as individualized education, peer education, differentiating and diversifying education when compared to teachers with lower efficacy sense (Rimm-Kaufman and Sawyer, 2004). It was observed that teachers with low efficacy sense recommend discrimination-based education instead of inclusion of students with special needs in general education classes (Podell and Soodak, 1993).

Becoming efficient of students with special needs in mathematics helps them to progress both in academic and professional area (Bley and Thornton, 2001; Geary, 2004). The efficacy of children with special needs regarding achieving mathematics skills in daily life is directly related with their efficacy to carry out basic mathematical procedures (Gürsel, 1990). Mathematics efficacy belief for the levels in content and pedagogical specialties of teacher has a great importance in the quality and effectiveness of mathematics education given to students in the class (DeSimone, 2004). There is no any scale for determining mathematics teaching efficacy in inclusive applications of teachers in Turkey. The aim of this research is to adapt the Teaching Mathematics in Inclusive Settings (TMIS-Aerni, 2008) to Turkish and to examine its psychometric properties.

2. METHOD

2.1. Research Group

We use purposive sampling and research group consists of 338 general education teachers who work in province of Sakarya in 20112012 education year and in whose classes there are inclusive students. 172 (50.9%) of the teachers are female and 162 (47.9%) are male. 4 of the participants left gender variable empty. Mean age of the teachers is 38.53.

2.2. Process

Before data collection studies of TMIS survey, scale application permit was obtained from Sakarya Provincial Directorate of National Education in order to apply the scale with the scale use permission from Tschannen-Moran and Aerni. Under the scope of adaptation of TMIS survey into Turkish, linguistic equivalence and face validity studies were included. Firstly, the scale was translated into Turkish by three academicians whose competence in English was good. Three independent translations were incorporated into a single Turkish form by the same team in the light of related comparisons. In order to provide linguistic equivalence between Turkish form and original English scale form, "Two Languages Form" technique was applied (Hambleton, Merendaand Spielberg, 2005). The related technique includes the presentation of English and Turkish equivalences of scale items together and grading of the compatibleness of the translation from 1 to 10 by experts. For this purpose, the form in which English and Turkish equivalences of scale items was presented together was submitted to the evaluation of 14 academicians who are competent in English. According to the result of the evaluation, linguistic equivalence mean coefficient of the scale was found as 8.9 according to 10-point grading. Under the scope of face validity, items were reviewed and related corrections were made. Under this scope, the scale text was brought to the opinion of two academicians working in Turkish teaching for evaluations regarding grammar, expression comprehensibility and grammatical rules and related corrections were made. As a result of

these stages, Turkish form of Teaching Mathematics in Inclusive Settings Scale (TMIS) survey was finalized before the application. Collection of data was carried out with the legal permission of Sakarya Provincial Directorate of National Education. The data were collected in two weeks. Analysis of the data was made with PASW Statistics 18.0 (SPSS Statistics) and LIS-REL 8.71 programs.

2.3. Instruments

2.3.1. Teaching Mathematics in Inclusive Settings (TMIS) Survey

Teaching Mathematics in Inclusive Settings Scale (TMIS) survey is a measuring tool whose renewal, validity and reliability studies were made by Aerni (2008) and which aims to determine the teacher efficacy in mathematics teaching to children with special needs in inclusive applications. The original of the scale was based on the short form of three factors and 12 questions of "Teacher's Sense of Efficacy" developed by Tschannen-Moran and Woolfolk Hoy (2001). TMIS survey consists of two factors which are efficacy in class management and efficacy in teaching strategies and of 12 items. According to results of exploratory factor analysis made by Aerni (2008), total variance explanation ratio of efficacy factor in class management with an eigenvalue of 1.66 is 13.79% and total variance explanation ratio of efficacy factor in teaching strategies with an eigenvalue of 6.20 is 51.65%. The factor loads of the scale vary between .52 and .92. The highest score and the lowest score to be obtained from the 9-point grading type scale (1=never -9=quite much) which includes 12 items in total is 12 and 108. For sub fields, the lowest score is 6 and the highest score is 54. There is no item in the scale which requires reverse calculation. The highness of scores corresponds to the highness of efficacy sense in mathematics education (Aerni, 2008).

2.3.2. Teachers' Sense of Efficacy Scale (TSES)

Teachers' Sense of Efficacy Scale (TSES) was a scale developed to determine the teacher efficacy in inclusive applications by Hollender (2011). This one-factor scale consists of 24 items. According to explanatory factor analysis, it was determined that a one-factor structure explains 66% of the total variance, factor loads vary between .53 and .77 and factor load average for 24 items is .65. Cronbach's alpha (α) internal consistency coefficient of the scale was calculated as .94. Criterion related validity correlation coefficient of TSES was calculated as r=.83 (p<0.01). It was determined that item total correlation values of TSES were .50 and above. The highest score and the lowest score to be obtained from the 5-point grading type scale (1=I can never do it - 5=I can certainly do it) which includes 24 items in total is 24 and 120 (Hollender, 2011). Turkish adaptation, validity and reliability studies of TSES were performed by Meral and Bilgiç (2012).

Additionally, some demographics questions including age and gender details were provided with a short instruction about questionnaire.

3. FINDINGS

3.1. Validity

3.1.1. Structure Validity - Confirmatory Factor **Analysis**

For structure validity of Turkish form of TMIS survey, "Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA)" including testing a hypothesis or a theory detected before regarding the relationship between variables (Gülbahar and Büyüköztürk, 2008) was applied. Before CFA, since a condition in which sample size for factor analysis is 300 or above is accepted is good (Tabachnick and Fidell, 2001), it is seen that the research has numeric adequacy (N=338) for conducting CFA. In CFA, many fit indexes are used to determine the sufficiency of the examined model and it is required that these fit index values have certain interims (Hu and Bentler, 1999; Anderson and Gerbing, 1984; Cole, 1987; Marsh, Balla and McDonald, 1988; Gülbahar and Büyüköztürk, 2008; Jöreskog and Sörbom, 1993; Schermelleh-Engel and Moosbrugger, 2003; Şimşek, 2007; MacCallum, Browne and Sugawara, 1996;

Byrne, 2006; Schermelleh-Engel, Moosbrugger and Müller, 2003). In the research Chi-Square Goodness (x²/degrees of freedom (df)), Goodness of Fit Index (GFI), Adjusted Goodness of Fit Index (AGFI), Comparative Fit Index (CFI), Normed Fit Index (NFI), Relative Fit Index (RFI), Incremental Fit Index (IFI) and Root Mean Square Error of Approximation (RMSEA) fix indexes were examined (see Table 1).

Table 1. Fit criteria and fit values of TMIS survey according to fit values (N=338)

Fit Criteria	Good Fit Values	Acceptable Fit	Fit Values of TMIS		
rit Cinteria	Good Fit Values	Values	survey		
x^2/df	<3	<5	4.4		
RMSEA	.00 <rmsea<.05< td=""><td>.05<rmsea<.08 .10<="" or="" td=""><td>.07</td></rmsea<.08></td></rmsea<.05<>	.05 <rmsea<.08 .10<="" or="" td=""><td>.07</td></rmsea<.08>	.07		
SRMR	.00 <srmr<.05< td=""><td>.05<srmr<.08 .10<="" or="" td=""><td>.04</td></srmr<.08></td></srmr<.05<>	.05 <srmr<.08 .10<="" or="" td=""><td>.04</td></srmr<.08>	.04		
GFI	.95 <gfi<1.00< td=""><td>.85 or.90<gfi<.95< td=""><td>.92</td></gfi<.95<></td></gfi<1.00<>	.85 or.90 <gfi<.95< td=""><td>.92</td></gfi<.95<>	.92		
AGFI	.90 <agfi<1.00< td=""><td>.80 or .85<agfi<.90< td=""><td>.86</td></agfi<.90<></td></agfi<1.00<>	.80 or .85 <agfi<.90< td=""><td>.86</td></agfi<.90<>	.86		
NFI	.95 <nfi<1.00< td=""><td>.90<nfi<.95< td=""><td>.98</td></nfi<.95<></td></nfi<1.00<>	.90 <nfi<.95< td=""><td>.98</td></nfi<.95<>	.98		
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RFI	.95 <rfi<1.00< td=""><td>.90<rfi<.95< td=""><td>.96</td></rfi<.95<></td></rfi<1.00<>	.90 <rfi<.95< td=""><td>.96</td></rfi<.95<>	.96		
IFI	.95 <ifi<1.00< td=""><td>.90<ifi<.95< td=""><td>.97</td></ifi<.95<></td></ifi<1.00<>	.90 <ifi<.95< td=""><td>.97</td></ifi<.95<>	.97		
CFI	.95 <cfi<1.00< td=""><td>.90<cfi<.95< td=""><td>.98</td></cfi<.95<></td></cfi<1.00<>	.90 <cfi<.95< td=""><td>.98</td></cfi<.95<>	.98		

(Schermelleh-Engel, Moosbrugger and Müller, 2003)

According to results of modification indices used in CFA, it was seen that Chi-Square value $(x^2=199.25, N=338, df=45, p=0.00000)$ was significant. In the research, it is observed that the model of TMISs has an acceptable fit goodness (fit=4.4) according to x^2/df =fit (199.25/45=4.4) calculation. Fit index values of the model based on CFA were calculated as RMSEA=.07, SRMR=.04, GFI=.92, AGFI=.86, NFI=.98, NNFI=.96, RFI=.96, IFI=.97 and CFI=.98. Fix index values indicate that the model was fit and it achieved an acceptable fit with the data. It was seen that factor loads for the model vary between .73 and .90 and it is greater than .40 (see Figure 1).

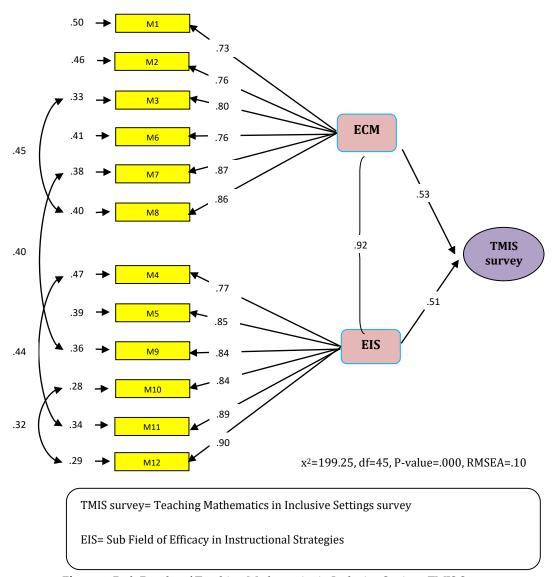


Figure 1. Path Results of Teaching Mathematics in Inclusive Settings TMIS Survey

3.1.2. Criterion Validity

Criterion validity data of TMIS survey was collected with the co-application of Teachers' Sense of Efficacy Scale (TSES). Criterion validity calculation is based on the correlation calculation between scores obtained from two scales and it is expected that this correlation coefficient is high (Özgüven, 2000). In the study, a significant and positive relationship of p<.01 was determined between general total and sub field collection scores between two scales. It is observed that TMIS survey achieved criterion validity (see Table 2).

Table 2. Criterion Validity Results of TMIS survey and TSES (N=338)

	TMISs_Total	EIS	ECM	TSES_Total
TMIS survey_total	-			
EIS	.96	-		
ECM	.96	.86	-	
TSES total	.99	.96	.95	_

Note: **p< .01, TMIS survey= Teaching Mathematics in Inclusion Settings survey (total); EES= Sub Field of Efficacy in Teaching Strategies; ECM = Sub Field of Efficacy in Class Management; TSES= Teachers' Sense of Efficacy Scale (totalone-dimension

3.2. Reliability

3.2.1. Internal Consistency Reliability and Split-Half Reliability

Cronbach's alpha (α) internal consistency coefficients of TMIS survey were calculated as .95 for whole of the scale, .92 for sub field of efficacy in teaching strategies and .90 for sub field of efficacy in class management. It is observed that the scale has high internal consistency (see Table 3).

In order to determine the split-half reliability values, the correlation between odd items (1,3,5,7,9,11=6)items). even items (2,4,6,8,10,12=6 items) and split-half reliability was calculated. Split-life/odd-even reliability of TMIS survey was calculated as .93 (p<.01) according to Spearman Brown rho. Findings indicate that odd-even reliability of TMIS survey was quite high (see Table 3).

Table 3. Internal Reliability and Split-Half Reliability of TMIS survey (N=338)

Variables	Cronbach alpha (α)	Spearman Brown rho.	
TMISs _total	.95	.93	
ECS_sub fields	.92	-	
EIC_sub fields	.90	-	

Note: ** p< .01

3.2.2. Item Total Correlations and Item Averages of 27% Upper-Lower Groups

For item distinctiveness of TMIS survey, Pearson product-moment correlation coefficient was applied in calculating item total correlation. It was observed that item total correlations of the scale range between .66 and .82. Items with distinctiveness index of .40 and higher are items with high distinctiveness (Tekin, 2004). Accordingly, it is seen that item

total correlations of TMIS survey and distinctiveness of items are quite high (see Table 4).

t-test was used in comparing item scores of %27 upper-lower groups determined according to total score of TMIS survey.

27% upper-lower t(sd=181) values of TMIS survey vary between -15.65 and -23.52 and the difference between 27% upper-lower groups (p< .001) is statistically significant (see Table 4).

Table 4. Item Total Correlations and Item Averages of 27% Upper-Lower Groups (N=338)

Items	1 ^e jx	t
Efficacy in classroom management		
1. To what extent can you control disruptive behavior in the mathematics classroom?	.66	-15.65
2. To what extent can you motivate students who show low interest in mathematics?	.72	-17.52
3. To what extent can you calm a student who is disruptive or noisy in the mathemat-	.77	-21.17
ics classrooms?		
6. To what extent can you get children to follow classroom rules?	.74	-18.13
7. To what extent can you get students to believe they can do well in mathematics?	.77	-18.13
8. How well can you establish a classroom management system with each group of	.79	-18.08
students?		
Efficacy in instructional strategies		
4. To what extent can you help your students value learning mathematics?	.77	-19.61
5. To what extent can you craft good questions for your students related to mathemat-	.82	-23.46
ics?		
9. To what extent can you use a variety of assessment strategies in mathematics?	.76	-17.11
10. To what extent can you provide an alternative explanation or example when stu-	.81	-23.52
dents are confused?		
11. How well can you assist families in helping their children do well in mathematics?	.78	-18.70
12. How well can you implement alternative teaching strategies for mathematics in	.79	-19.94
your classroom?		
Scale points: None At All 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 A Great Deal		•

Note: *** p< .001

4. RESULTS

In the research, it was aimed to determine the psychometric properties of TMIS survey whose renewal, validity and reliability studies were performed by Aerni (2008). Under this scope, calculations of Confirmatory Factor Analysis, criterion related validity, Cronbach's alpha (α) internal consistency coefficient, split-half reliability, item total correlation and the significance of the difference between 27% upper-lower item averages of TMIS survey whose linguistic equivalence and face validity were achieved were included.

According to CFA results made under validity studies of the research, it was seen that fit values of suggested model of TMIS survey are within acceptable fit index values range and the model of the scale has an acceptable fit. Under criterion related validity, it was determined that there is a significant and positive relationship between total and sub field collec-

tion scores between TMIS survey and TSES and, TMIS survey achieved criterion related validity.

Under reliability calculations of the study, it was determined that total and sub field internal consistency reliability values and split-half reliability of TMIS survey were high. According to item total correlations of the scale, it was determined that prediction and representation of TMIS survey items the total score was high. It was also observed that the differences between 27% upper-lower item averages of TMIS survey were significant. Since not being able to examine test-retest reliability was a restriction, it is beneficial to include related reliability calculations in the further researches.

According to the findings of the research, it can be stated that Teaching Mathematics in Inclusive Settings (TMIS) survey can be used as a valid and reliable measuring tool in determining the efficacy of general education teachers for teaching mathematics to inclusive students.

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Genişletilmiş Özet

Araştırmanın amacı, Kaynaştırma Uygulamalarında Matematik Öğretimi (KUMÖ) ölçeğinin Türkçeye uyarlanması ve ülkemizdeki örneklem üzerinden psikometrik özelliklerinin belirlenmesidir. Araştırma, 338 sınıf öğretmeni ile gerçekleştirilmiştir. Sınıf öğretmenlerinin kaynaştırma öğrencilerine matematik öğretimi yeterliklerini belirlemede kullanılan ölçek 12 madde ve iki alt alandan oluşan 9'lu derecelendirme tipi bir ölçme aracıdır.

Öğretmen yeterliği, gelişimsel yetersizliği olan öğrencileri içine alacak şekilde tüm öğrencilerin başarısı ve öğrenmesine etki edebilecek yeterliğe sahip olma inancına karşılık gelmektedir (Hoy, 2000). Özel gereksinimli öğrencilere yönelik öğretimde yüksek düzeyde yeterlik algısına sahip olan öğretmenlerin daha düşük yeterlik algısına sahip olan öğretmenlere oranla bireyselleştirilmiş öğretim, akran öğretimi, öğretimin farklılaştırılması ve çeşitlendirilmesi gibi etkili öğretim stratejileri kullandıkları belirlenmiştir (Rimm-Kaufman ve Sawyer, 2004). Özel gereksinimli öğrencilerin matematikte yeterli hale gelmeleri, onların gerek akademik, gerekse mesleki alanda ilerlemelerine yardım etmektedir (Bley ve Thornton, 2001; Geary, 2004). Özel gereksinimli öğrencilerin günlük yaşamdaki matematik becerilerini başarma yeterlilikleri, temel matematik işlemlerini yerine getirme yeterlilikleriyle doğrudan ilişkilidir (Gürsel, 1990). Öğretmenlerin içerikteki seviyelerine ve pedagojik uzmanlıklarına ilişkin matematik yeterlik inancı, sınıf içerisinde öğrencilere sağlanan matematik öğretiminin kalitesi ve etkililiğinde büyük önem sahiptir (DeSimone, 2004). Türkiye'de öğretmenlerin kaynaştırma uygulamalarında matematik öğretimi yeterliklerini belirlemeye yönelik değerlendirme araçlarıyla ilgili bir araştırmayla karşılaşılmamıştır. İlgili gereksinime cevap vermeyi hedefleyen bu araştırmanın amacı, Aerni (2008) tarafından yenilenme, geçerlik ve güvenirlik çalışmaları yapılan Kaynaştırma Uygulamalarında Matematik Öğretimi (KUMÖ) ölçeğinin kaynaştırma öğrencilerine matematik öğretiminden sorumlu sınıf öğretmenleri üzerinden psikometrik özelliklerinin belirlenmesidir.

Araştırmada, yenilenme, geçerlik ve güvenirlik çalışmaları Aerni (2008) tarafından yapılan KUMO ölçeğinin psikometrik özelliklerinin belirlenmesi amaçlanmıştır. Bu kapsamda Dilsel eşdeğerlik ve görünüm geçerliği sağlanan KUMÖ ölçeğinin Doğrulayıcı Faktör Analizi, ölçüt bağıntılı geçerlik, Cronbach alpha (α) iç tutarlılık katsayısı, iki-yarı güvenirlik, madde-toplam korelasyonu ve %27 alt -üst grup madde ortalamaları arasındaki farkın anlamlılığı hesaplamalarına yer verilmiştir.

Araştırmanın geçerlik çalışmaları kapsamında yapılan DFA sonuçlarına (x²/sd=4.4, RMSEA=.10, SRMR=.04, GFI=.90, AGFI=.85, NFI=.98, NNFI=.97, RFI=.97, IFI=.98, CFI=.98) göre KUMÖYÖ'nin önerilen modelinin uyum değerlerinin, kabul edilebilir uyum indeksleri değerleri aralığında olduğu ve ölçeğe ilişkin modelin kabul edilebilir bir uyuma sahip olduğu görülmüştür. Ölçüt bağıntılı geçerlik kapsamında, KUMÖ ölçeği ve Kaynaştırmada Öğretmen Yeterliği Ölçeği (KÖYÖ) arasında genel toplam ve alt alan toplama puanları arasında anlamlı ve pozitif yönlü bir ilişkinin olduğu ve KUMÖ ölçeğinin ölçüt bağıntılı geçerliği sağladığı belirlenmiştir. Araştırmanın güvenirlik hesaplamaları kapsamında KUMO ölçeğinin toplam (α =.95) ve alt alan iç tutarlık güvenirlik değerlerinin (α =.92 ve α =.90) ve test yarılama/iki-yarı güvenirliğinin (Spearman Brown rho.=.93) yüksek düzeyde olduğu belirlenmiştir. Ölçeğin madde-toplam korelasyonlarının .66 ile .82 arasında sıralandığı gözlenmiştir. Buna göre KUMÖ ölçeğine ait maddelerinin toplam puanı yordama ve temsil gücünün yüksek olduğu belirlenmiştir. KUMÖ ölçeğinin %27 alt -üst grup madde ortalamaları arasındaki farkların (p<.001) ise anlamlı olduğu gözlenmiştir.

Araştırma bulguları doğrultusunda, Kaynaştırma Uygulamalarında Matematik Öğretimi (KUMÖ) ölçeğinin sınıf öğretmenlerinin kaynaştırma öğrencilerine matematik öğretimi yeterliklerini belirlemede geçerli ve güvenilir bir ölçme aracı olarak kullanılabileceği söylenebilir. Araştırmada test-tekrar test güvenirliğinin incelenememesinin bir sınırlık olmasından dolayı ilgili güvenirlik hesaplamasına ileriki araştırmalarda yer verilmesinde fayda vardır.

Appendix 1. Kaynaştırma Uygulamalarında Matematik Öğretimi Ölçeği

	Kaynaştırma uygulamalarında matematik öğre- timiyle ilgili aşağıdaki soruları 1'den 9'a kadar olan derecelendirmeyi kullanarak cevaplayınız.	Hiç		Çok az		Orta		Çok		Oldukça cok
1	Matematik dersindeki istenmeyen davranışları ne derecede kontrol edebilirsiniz?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	Matematiğe düşük düzeyde ilgi gösteren kaynaştırma öğrencilerini ne derecede motive edebilirsiniz?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
3	Matematik dersinde gürültü yapan ya da istenmeyen davranışlar sergileyen bir kaynaştırma öğrencisini ne derecede sakinleştirebilirsiniz?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
4	Kaynaştırma öğrencilerinizin matematik öğrenimine değer vermesine ne derecede yardımcı olabilirsiniz?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
5	Kaynaştırma öğrencilerinize matematikle ilgili ne derecede güzel sorular oluşturabilirsiniz?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
6	Kaynaştırma öğrencilerinizin sınıf kurallarına uymalarını sağlamada ne derecede başarılısınız?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
7	Kaynaştırma öğrencilerinizin matematikte iyi olduklarına kendilerini inandırmada ne derecede başarılı olabilirsiniz?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8	Her bir öğrenci grubu için sınıf yönetimi sistemini ne kadar iyi uygulayabilirsiniz?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9	Matematikte değişik değerlendirme stratejilerini ne derecede kullanabilirsiniz?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	Kaynaştırma öğrencilerin kafalarının karıştığı durumlarda ne derecede alternatif açıklama ya da örnek sunabilirsiniz?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
11	Kaynaştırma öğrencilerinin matematik konusunda iyi olabilmelerinde, ailelere ne derecede yardımcı olabilirsiniz?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
12	Matematik dersinde alternatif öğretim stratejilerini ne kadar iyi uygulayabilirsiniz?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9