

Review of: "The Challenges Accosted by Educators in the Application of Disciplinary Procedures in Secondary Schools"

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Review Comments

Comments to the Authors

I appreciate the opportunity to review this manuscript. I found the considerations on the challenges accosted by educators in the application of disciplinary procedures in secondary schools very pertinent. Given the important role that discipline plays in the lives of students at all levels of education in general, and the threat that indiscipline poses to the lives of teachers and other students in school settings, I believe this topic is very important. Also, it is important for schools to provide a safe and serene environment for effective teaching and learning. Therefore, focusing on disciplinary issues in secondary schools where thousands of adolescents congregate is timely and warranted.

The comments and suggestions I give below are meant to help the author improve and strengthen the work.

Overall statement/summary of the article and its findings

Overall, this is an interesting article which will be of great interest to policy makers, practitioners and researchers in education. The study's overarching aim was to investigate educator's perceptions of how learners' rights to safety affect disciplinary procedures in secondary schools in the Umbumbulu Circuit of KwaZulu-Natal. The author used a semi-structured interview to gather data from 10 purposively selected educators. The data were analyzed thematically. The study found, among other things, that educators' perceptions of learners' rights to safety affect disciplinary procedures in schools. The findings also showed that teachers think that there are ambiguities in the legislations that guide teaching and learning, as well as disciplinary procedures in schools.

Overall strengths of the article

The overall strengths of the article lie in the conciseness of the introduction and the relevance of the literature that was

reviewed.

Weaknesses of the article and suggestions for improvement

Research objectives/questions: The objectives for the study as well as the research questions should be explicitly stated.

Methodology: There should be a section on methodology. For a qualitative study such as this, a robust methodology describing its essential components would add a lot of quality to the work. Although the author stated that the participants were selected purposively, a clear justification for that was missing. Justification for all methodological choices should be provided. Also, issues of how qualitative rigor was ensured are missing in the study.

General structure of the article: The restructure of the paper, as it is, looks more like the structure of a thesis rather than the structure of a research article. The article should therefore be restructured.

Conclusions, implications and limitations: These important sections are missing in the article. The author should include these sections.

I believe that if the above suggestions are incorporated into the work, its quality will improve greatly.

Thank you.