

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

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First of all, thank you for the possibility of being able to review this interesting article and propose some improvements to it.

Certainly, the manuscript presents a comprehensive exploration into the disciplinary issues and procedures in South African secondary schools. While the subject matter is both topical and pertinent, several areas could be refined to increase the academic rigor and applicability of the study.

Regarding the introduction, although the paper provides background on disciplinary issues in South African schools, a more focused articulation of the research objectives or questions could better guide the reader through the paper's aim.

The methodology section requires more detailed elaboration. Currently, it falls short in outlining the sampling methods, data collection, and analytical strategies employed. A more transparent methodological account would not only bolster the study's empirical validity but also allow for its replicability. Absence of such detail may lead to skepticism about the robustness of the findings.

A literature review section appears to be conspicuously absent. To enhance the paper's academic contribution, it would be beneficial to situate the study within the broader scholarly discourse. Specifically, a comprehensive literature review could illuminate how the paper's contributions align with, or diverge from, existing research, theory, and practice.

The terminology used throughout the paper, including central terms like "discipline," lacks operational definitions. Such ambiguity could limit the study's precision and contribute to varied interpretations of the findings. Moreover, the voices of stakeholders—parents, teachers, and learners—are missing. Incorporating these through interviews or surveys could provide a multidimensional perspective on the issue.

On an analytical front, the presentation of data could be improved through the use of charts or graphs to effectively convey key trends or patterns. Furthermore, the discussion section would benefit from a more rigorous examination of the findings, particularly how they align or contrast with existing literature.

An acknowledgment of the study's limitations and recommendations for future research would enrich the conclusion, providing a roadmap for subsequent scholarly endeavors. Finally, there are inconsistencies in citation formats that need to

be addressed to conform to academic writing standards. Overall, while the study addresses an important issue, these suggested modifications could significantly enhance its academic and practical impact.