

STANDARDS OF ADEQUACY FOR PROBLEM STATEMENT

General Research Area

Does the general statement of the research area imply the possibility of empirical investigation?

Does extended day programs foster academic growth among elementary students implies that there is the possibility of an empirical investigation.

Does the statement restrict the scope of the study?

The statement restricts the scope of the study to students that are involved in an extended day program and perhaps a control group that is not.

Does the statement give the educational context in which the problem lies?

Yes, the education context is within the extended day program.

Significance of Problem: Will the research (one or more)

Develop knowledge of an enduring practice?

This is not an enduring practice at all schools, however with AIS and other social situation it is becoming more of the expected.

Develop theory?

It will develop theory in what works and what does not work in regards to helping students learn.

Expand knowledge or theory?

With the existence of some programs, it will expand knowledge in what works and does not work.

Provide an extension of understanding?

Understanding will be extended through this research.

Is related to a current social or political issue?

Debate exists as to whether extended day program help academic growth. This study is intended to analyze this situation.

Evaluate a specific practice or policy at a given site?

Extended day programs exist at several sites that I am aware of including the school where I work. There is a need to analyze and document the effectiveness of the program and see if it is assisting academic growth or simply baby sitting.

Specific Research Questions

Is the research question one that permits the collection of data which will yield an answer?

Yes, diagnostic data would need to be collected. It will also be necessary to collect pre and post data on students participating and to use a control group of students not participating.

If so, is the data collectible under the present circumstances?

Yes, it is possible to collect data under the present circumstances

Is the inductive logic of the research clear and explicit?

Yes, the inductive logic of the research is to determine whether extended day programs help with academic growth among elementary children.

Ethics

Is the question and associated data collection method ethical?

Yes, the collection method would not be harmful in any way to children or to the school community. On the contrast, it would be extremely helpful to have data substantiating the usefulness of extended day programs.

Reporting

Does the statement for research indicate the framework for reporting the findings?

Yes, the statement for research paves the way for the study. It therefore is the guiding force. While answering the study of extended day programs, the reporting would be done in such a way as to help others wrestling with the same problem.