

School and Classroom Management

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Introduction

The school plays a vital role in the life of a child and his/her development. Teachers are always role models for all of us. Leadership is essential to provide the best student experience in a school system. The principal of the school is a leader with multifaceted responsibilities. The roles and responsibilities of a principal are both administrative and manager. The principals carry out four major roles: planning, organizing, leading, and monitoring (Lunenburg, 2010). Teachers frame the community by educating children. Teacher's role is dynamic, they play the administrator role and manager role to ensure effective child education.

Principal as an administrator

The principal is a policymaker and ensures that the policies are implemented accordingly. They shape the educational foundations and oversee curriculum development, teaching methodologies, and student assessments, to maintain the highest educational standards. They communicate and coordinate with teachers, students, parents, and higher authorities as well. Financial planning and allocating resources are all administrative responsibilities of a principal (Trail, 2000).

Teacher as an administrator

Teacher leadership begins in the classroom. The success of a student is not determined by his/her family background or physical characteristics but by the leader present at the school – the teacher. According to Oqvist and Malmstrom, a high degree of teacher leadership in the classroom leads to a conducive learning environment that fosters educational motivation and promotes students' performance (Öqvist & Malmström, 2016). A teacher ensures that school policies are effectively implemented. Teachers are administrators when they track student attendance and plan their curriculum. Teachers participate in extracurricular activities, organize them, and coordinate with others to define their administrative roles (Akbarovna, 2024).

Principal as a manager

The principal manages the overall education system from hiring staff to achieving students' best educational needs. The principal plans the school curriculum, events, exams, meetings, and all activities to ensure seamless implementation (Sheng, Wolff, Kilmer, & Yager, 2017). The principal plays a major role whenever there is a conflict between parents and teachers. They

strategically plan and monitor teachers and students for growth and improvement. Their leadership nurtures teamwork, accountability, and continuous growth, creating a high-performing educational system.

Teacher as a manager

A classroom is always well managed if the teacher plays an effective manager role. Teachers as managers play a crucial role in effectively utilizing the resources for the school system to run smoothly. They maintain discipline, organize students, and engage them in their education. Managing resources for students such as textbooks and teaching aids (Bizimana & Orodho, 2014). A teacher manages lesson planning, student assessments, and exam schedules. Teachers are often seen on sports grounds managing the sports day, organizing, and keeping track of all the activities to make sure that the day goes well.

Conclusion

Principals and Teachers are the leaders and continuously work for the growth of students. Their effective and efficient performance as an administrator to implement school policies and as a manager to manage all the resources aid in the smooth working of the school system. Their role extends far beyond these, their efforts and support build a strong community and nation.

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