

STANDARDS OF ADEQUACY FOR PROBLEM STATEMENT

General Research Area

1. Does the general statement of the research area imply the possibility of empirical investigation?
2. Does the statement restrict the scope of the study?
3. Does the statement give the educational context in which the problem lies?

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

4. Develop knowledge of an enduring practice?
5. Develop theory?
6. Expand knowledge or theory?
7. Provide an extension of understanding?
8. Advance methodology?
9. Is related to a current social or political issue?
10. Evaluate a specific practice or policy at a given site?
11. Is exploratory research?

Specific Research Questions

12. Is the research question one that permits the collection of data which will yield an answer?
13. If so, is the data collectible under the present circumstances?
14. Is the inductive logic of the research clear and explicit?

Ethics

15. Is the question and associated data collection method ethical?

Reporting

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

Name of Researcher:

Date of Observation:

Subject of Observation: =

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Site of Observation:

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