

Research Proposal

General Guidelines:

Do not identify a specific student, teacher, school district or city by name.

Do not refer to yourself in the first person (I, my, etc).

For this paper, you may use the term "data" as a singular or plural term

The rough draft must be resubmitted when turning in the final draft

Must be in APA 6th edition format

Samples of proposals are in our D2L class site

Format:

1. Statement of Purpose:

Write a brief statement about the purpose of your research study.

2. Description of the Problem: (5%)

Identify and describe the problem that you have observed in practice. Be specific and thorough in your description. Add data to support your assertions (i.e.: number who are failing, tardy, etc.)

3. Literature Review: (30%)

Summarize a minimum of two peer reviewed sources that pertain to the problem that you will study. For each resource, you must describe how the research is relevant to your study (including specific ideas you might be taking from that research and incorporating into your own research design). Your textbook or other class handouts may be used as additional resources (not included in the 2).

4. Description of your Project: (25%)

Based upon what you have learned from you literature review, create a plan of action that you will implement in your classroom. Include subheadings and fully describe the following:

Research Question and sub-questions

Setting (urban/suburban, SES, general demographics, size of school, grade levels)

Participants (exact number, gender, age/grade in school, how selected)

Timeframe

5. Data Collection: (15%)

Organize this section by research question (and re-type the research question in its entirety). For each research question, you must describe the following: What qualitative and/or quantitative data will you collect to determine your project's impact? How will you collect it? Describe any instruments you will use to collect the data such as surveys, interview questions, etc. Draft copies of the researcher-designed instruments must be attached to this proposal as appendices. In the body of the paper, refer to where these items can be found in the appendix.

6. Data Analysis: (15%)

Organize this section by research question (and re-type the research question in its entirety). How will you analyze the data? Comparisons must include whole group as well as sub-group comparisons (i.e.: Males v. Females, "High" students v. "Moderate" students v. "Low" achieving students) and perhaps individual comparisons depending upon the research sample

7. References: (10%)

Cite all literature in the body of the paper (with parentheticals) and on the reference page using APA (American Psychological Association) format.