



THE EFFECTS OF LEADERSHIP EFFICIENCY ON DISCIPLINE IN NIGERIAN SCHOOLS:  
THE CASE OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS' PRINCIPALS IN DELTA STATE

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ABSTRACT

This study investigated the impact of secondary school principals' leadership styles on discipline in the administration of secondary schools in Delta State of Nigeria. Four research questions adopted alongside four hypotheses that were formulated and tested. The empirical analyses used the descriptive survey model. The data comprised of 12,883 male and female teachers in public secondary schools across the State. A sample of 688 teachers was selected using the systematic random sampling technique. The instrument used was a well-structured questionnaire. Data collected from the respondents were analyzed using ranking order, means and standard deviation for research questions, one way analysis of variance (ANOVA) and t-test for hypotheses. The study found amongst others that the principals' leadership panaches, to a large extent determines the level of discipline in the administration of schools. The ways forward have been outlined to foster efficiency and school growths.

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