

AN EXAMINATION OF THE ROLE OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND STUDENT INTERACTION IN DETERMINING AND ADDRESSING INEQUALITIES IN EDUCATION

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ABSTRACT

In accordance with the fact that the Constitution of the United States refers to equality, it is abundantly obvious that this principle is not always adhered to. The field of education is a significant exception to this rule. In the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson argued that individuals have the inherent freedom to spend their lives freely and pursue whatever endeavors bring them joy. Both the notion of educational sufficiency and the concept of educational equality make linkages between these two ideas. According to a substantial body of comparative research, the degree to which Western cultures differ from one another in terms of educational outcomes varies greatly. In addition to exploring the ramifications of socioeconomic disparities within individual countries, researchers have shown that the different degrees of educational gap that exist among nations are affected by the structure of education in those countries. According to the findings of our study, centralized tests do two things: (1) they motivate schools to assign students to tracks based on more objective measurements, and (2) they make it possible for educational institutions to spend more than that in students on lower tracks by making those students more accountable for their performance. Therefore, the influence that paternal engagement has on children's academic achievement may be minimized by centralized evaluations in educational systems that are monitored.

KEYWORDS: Inequalities in Education, Implication of Curriculum, Implication of Instruction, Implication of Student interaction.

INTRODUCTION

In this study of each of three separate classes was conducted for the purpose of this dissertation, which investigated issues of educational inequality at Rolling Acres Public Schools (RAPS). This study takes a novel approach by looking at the persistence of

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educational disparity in three economically and racially diverse classes within a system with abundant resources. Previous research on educational disparities in the United States has concentrated on "separate" and "unequal" schools. This study examines the persistence of educational disparity in these three classes. RAPS establishes a dynamic social environment for the purpose of investigating gaps between resource provision and resource utilisation by bringing together students, parents, and educators. Even though Rolling Acres has many tools that are often associated with high student achievement, they claim that the district's economic and racial minority seldom benefit from these resources. This is the case even though Rolling Acres has many of those instruments. Rich white families in Rolling Acres make use of several mechanisms (such as social networks, school-to-home communication, teacher beliefs, and other mechanisms) to get the desired educational experiences for their children. This is in addition to the fact that these resources are kept away from the community's minority residents. This study builds on and critiques earlier studies on educational inequality while also developing notions of opportunity and urban location. Analyses of the achievement gap, along with other kinds of educational inequality research, often entail recording and trying to forecast average differences across groups in terms of school-level resources. This is done to close the gap in educational opportunity. Even though earlier analyses of education have presumptively assumed that this is the case, the findings of my study reveal that in the era that followed the Civil Rights Movement, the universal distribution of resources is not an effective policy tool. They argue that the next step for educational policy and research is to shift away from a focus on providing resources and towards a discussion of the processes by which individuals and communities make use of those resources. This contention is based on research conducted in Rolling Acres into the impact of resources on learning and social interactions in the community. A second innovative addition is made by this dissertation, which investigates the dynamics of small cities. Although there has been research done on the racial, socioeconomic, and gender inequities in urban education, most of those studies have concentrated on large metropolitan centres. It is rare to have students from different socioeconomic backgrounds studying together in big cities like New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles due to the great racial and economic segregation of housing in these areas. This means that the meanings that are produced because of interactions between members of different families who share the same academic and social contexts are not taken into consideration in this study. The purpose of my research is to investigate the ways in which gender, class, and race played a part in the evolution of Rolling Acres. The accumulation of social, cultural, and economic capital by rich and White families, in addition to their discourses on inequality, contribute to the stratification of opportunities and knowledge for low-income and African American families that send their children to the same schools. Examining the city's policy environment, social networks, neighborhoods, and schools, the focus of my dissertation is on how racism and class continue to influence the lives of families in Rolling Acres in the decades after the Civil Rights Movement. This is accomplished by painting a thorough picture of how race and class continue to affect the lives of families in Rolling

Acres. Their decision to focus my dissertation on the issue of educational inequality was inspired by the current discourse in sociology and public policy around the problem of educational disparity. (Decristan, 2020).

BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

It is concerning that just a small amount of educational psychology research has examined the ways in which instructors may contribute to or be compensated for social success gaps. This is especially surprising because the literature demonstrates that the effects of teachers on learning outcomes are significantly large when taken together with the effects of the home environment. In addition, researchers have paid less attention to the connection between the quality of teachers (which can be evaluated by seeing how they behave in the classroom) and the continued existence of performance gaps. Even though socioeconomic achievement inequality in school and teaching quality are both prominent concerns around education research, only a small number of investigators have investigated the possible linkages between the two. The goal of this study is to establish whether different approaches to education help to keep socioeconomic achievement disparities the same or whether they help to reduce such gaps. When we speak about the social achievement gap, we are referring to the performance difference that occurs between students of varying socioeconomic origins in terms of how well they do on standardized examinations. This gap exists between students of different socioeconomic classes. There is a lot of pressure being put on the current educational system as well as educational policy to optimize student success. However, research illustrates the difficulties that schools have in attaining both justice and educational achievement in their policies and practices. The performance gap between students from various socioeconomic origins may widen as a result of several common instructional strategies used to promote the greatest academic improvement in kids. Scholars employed a three-dimensional framework of teaching quality, originally devised by academics, to examine whether certain facets of quality could facilitate more effective learning and narrow the achievement gap for students from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds, while others would merely perpetuate or reinforce social inequities. In particular, we wanted to know whether some aspects of good instruction contribute to or perpetuate social injustices. It is important to bring to your attention the fact that, in general, when compared to their wealthier peers, children who come from lower socioeconomic circumstances tend to have a lower level of academic success. The relationship between socioeconomic class (SES) and past academic success as predictors of future academic success isn't a perfect one, but it's pretty close. prior success acts as an indicator of future academic performance. However, children who come from wealthy and children who come from low socioeconomic homes may have quite different experiences throughout their lives. Furthermore, kids who come from wealthy socioeconomic situations may be better

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positioned to benefit from specific educational practices. This indicates that, in addition to considering past achievements, the difference in academic performance that may be attributable to a student's socioeconomic background should also be taken into consideration. In this study, rather than focusing on the gap in academic achievement that exists between students of differing degrees of academic preparation, researchers chose to examine the discrepancy in academic success that exists between students of diverse socioeconomic backgrounds. It has been shown in several studies that children who come from families with lower socioeconomic backgrounds have lower levels of academic accomplishment (Robertson, S. 2018).

PROBLEM STATEMENTS

“Educational inequalities continue throughout a person’s life, affecting entry into higher education, future employment, and lifetime earnings. Interaction helps the teaching and learning process and can increase learners’ communication. Several previous studies about interaction show that classroom interaction is important to remove educational inequalities. Also there has been evidence about curriculum implementation and methods of instruction to eradicate educational inequalities.”

Learners are manipulated throughout the educational process via the use of a curriculum, which is a collection of influences that acts within the structure and culture of an institution. During their time in school, students go through a process of constructing their identities while also adapting to the surroundings of the educational institution. When students adjust their behaviour in response to the surroundings, this results in the development of their habits, which acts as a sort of the value of social capital for the students. For instance, in Pakistan, students who attend prestigious institutions are more likely to adopt a democratic and progressive way of thinking than those who attend schools with lower tuition rates. They have adjusted nicely because of being in the elite atmosphere, which makes them liberals and causes them to have good opinions about India and Western ideals. This contrasts with the pupils who attend ordinary schools, who are more conservative. Because of this, the curricula taught in various schools contribute to the social class breakdown of various classes. In this social discrimination, the elite class is more oriented towards the contemporary world in comparison to ordinary people, which contributes to a rising gap between the various classes in the nation.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Recent research has shown that the institutional configurations of educational systems have a significant impact on the educational gaps that exist (in terms of the possibilities available in the labor market, income, health, and participation in political processes, among other factors). As important contributors to motivation, researchers have singled

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out stratification (also known as tracking), standardization, and occupation-specific schooling. Within the framework of a stratified course structure, within-school and cross-school tracking, as well as student age at the commencement of different tracks (times of selection), are investigated. This is done so because the structure considers students' skills and abilities in each individual topic. Students are said to be "stratified" or "externally differentiated" when they are positioned inside educational environments (schools or courses) that are intended to cater to the specific requirements and objectives of each student. Equipment, the autonomy of individual schools, and standardized testing at the state level are all factors that may play a role in determining the degree to which education can be standardized. The question of how the educational system and its institutions interact with the occupational system and the labor market is connected to vocational specialization, and there is a relationship between the two as well. It is possible for certain aspects of educational systems to be different not just across countries, but also between regions of the same country, or even between individual schools. They could provide some insight into the routine approaches used in the classroom to deal with issues of diversity and difference. They often replicate a policy at the national level, which may have a variety of results, such as fighting socioeconomic disparity, accepting it, or even fostering it. Therefore, it is difficult, both theoretically and empirically, to distinguish the influence of the features of the educational system from the impact of the qualities of the country, such as wealth disparity or the presence of a welfare state regime. The wider framework of formal and informal institutions that facilitate learning is referred to as an "education system," and the word "education system" is used to characterize this bigger framework. Such institutional settings include preschools, elementary schools, and high schools, but universities and vocational institutions are also quite significant. Preschools and elementary schools are examples of such contexts. Understanding the structure of the education system, including the educational institutions that can be accessed, how those educational institutions can be accessed, how people may transition from one educational level to another, and how they can migrate between educational institutions, is essential to the comprehension of educational inequalities. Schools that run concurrently with one another, such as traditional high schools and vocational high schools. As a result, 'normal' educational paths are not only shaped by institutional environments, but they also imply those trajectories. Educational disparities are the systematic inequalities in students' educational results along a variety of dimensions that are dependent on students' given characteristics based on their membership in social groups. These discrepancies are caused by the fact that students are allocated different characteristics depending on their participation in different social groups. Educational inequalities can be broken down into three distinct categories, in accordance with the theory developed by Jacobs (1996). These categories are as follows: (a) access to education (such as educational institutions), (b) experiences/learning processes (such as well-being in school, learning behaviour), and (c) educational outcomes (such as competencies, school marks, and certificates). The term "educational inequalities" does not consider variations in the financial and non-

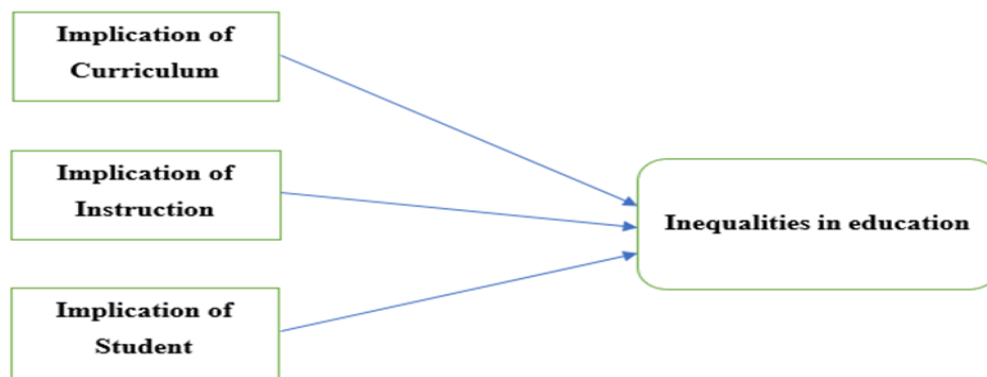
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financial returns on investment in education, both of which are influenced by the characteristics of the education system and are not included in the phrase. Inequalities in returns on education refer to the difficulties that some subsets of society have in converting their educational investments into real benefits in the areas of employment, incomes, and general quality of life. These subsets of society have a harder time converting their educational investments than other parts of society. This chapter takes a look at some of the specific methodological challenges that arise when comparing various educational policies throughout the increasingly linked nations of the world. We begin with the presumption that educational policies, strategies, and practices have historically been and will mostly continue to be located inside national territorial territories. Even though this assumption is our starting point, this does not indicate that the global dimension does not exist. Instead, one might see a 'thin' global policy regime from the years immediately after World War II to the 1980s. This lasted until the decade of the 1980s. As neoliberalism has grown to become a global political enterprise, there has been a proliferation of activities coming from and driving the restructuring of national and sub-national education settings, policies, and outcomes. These activities have resulted in a proliferation of regional and international policy making activities. These transformations have presented considerable challenges for educational academics, particularly due to the fact that education policies are no longer largely 'national' or governed by national governments. Researchers try to present a high-level overview of the ways in which the governance of education systems has altered in response to global events, as well as the challenges that this poses for comparing and researching education policy. Researchers can do this via the use of four "isms" as problematic barometers of global changing the education system. After that, the researchers present the problem of critical comparability and suggest two conflicting applications of it to the analysis of the origins, evolution, and implications of educational policy. At the conclusion of the research project, we provide three methodological findings, none of which are exhaustive. These observations center on time, location, and the logics of governance as diverse lenses through which to investigate the processes that are at work in global education. They begin by stressing the significance of being conscious of the conceptual categories one utilizes while researching and comparing global education policy. This is due to the fact that the name of a category (such as a state, country, education, or university) may stay the same, but its meaning may have changed over the course of time. The term "methodological 'isms'" refers to the practice of repeatedly using the same categories without questioning their usefulness or raising concerns about how they should be defined. Herminio Martins (1974) presented the idea of "methodological nationalism," which serves as the basis for our comprehension and use of the term "isms." According to him, this exhibits what he refers to as "a general presumption [in sociological analysis] ..." which is "that the "whole" or "inclusive" society, in effect the nation-state, be deemed to be the standard, optimal, or even maximal "isolate" for social analysis (Dale, 2018).

RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

- The research was carried out with the following primary goals in mind:
- To provide a diagnostic analysis of the current accessibility situation in elementary schools throughout China.
- To analyse the disparity between states in elementary school enrollment.
- To Addressing regional differences in early childhood education universalization among states in terms of availability and engagement.

CONSEPTUAL FRAMEWORK



RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

- **QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH**

Analysts may use the tools made available by quantitative analysis to look at the past, the present, and the future. Analytical chemistry, financial analysis, social research, and even organised sports—any discipline where statistics are involved—makes use of QA. The financial industry sometimes refers to analysts that depend only on QA as "quants" or "quant jockeys." The goal of quantitative research is to find statistically significant relationships between variables by collecting numerical data on those variables and feeding it into statistical models. Quantitative studies aim to get a more in-depth understanding of society. Researchers often use quantitative methods when examining phenomena with personal effects. Quantitative studies provide hard data in the form of tables and graphs. Quantitative study relies heavily on numerical data, which necessitates a methodical strategy to collect and analysing the data.

Sampling: A pilot study was conducted with the questionnaire using a group of 20 students and final study was conducted with the questionnaire on sample of 550 above students. A total of questionnaires was distributed among students selected in a systematic random sampling. All the completed questionnaires were considered for the study and any incomplete questionnaire was rejected by the researcher.

Data and Measurement: Primary data for the research study was collected through a questionnaire survey. The questionnaire was.

divided into two parts - (A) Demographic information (B) Factor responses in 5-point Likert Scale for both the online and non-online channels. Secondary data was collected from multiple sources, primarily internet resources.

Statistical Software: MS-Excel and SPSS 24 were used for Statistical analysis.

Statistical Tools: A descriptive analysis was applied to understand the basic nature of the data. Validity and reliability of the data were tested through Cronbach's alpha; the researcher shall apply a logistic regression model.

RESULTS

The investigation was initiated by our researchers through the measurement of bivariate coefficients of correlation at level 1. The latent variables related to social orientation, adaptation relief, & error tolerance showed a beneficial and statistically significant connection at the individual level. All of these associations were considered significant at $p = .001$. Adaptive relief or social orientation showed a correlation of 0.87; patience with errors or social orientation showed a connection of 0.83. Even though the highest level of parental education was associated with the lowest means of recognising support ($M = 0.85$ for adaptive relief, 0.42 for patience with mistakes, and -3.16 for social orientation), our bivariate analyses were unable to find any statistically significant correlation between socioeconomic indicators and perception of teaching at this point. Our findings corroborate the hypothesis that past accomplishment has a strong positive connection with one's perception of all aspects of teacher support ($r = 0.09, 0.05, \text{ or } 0.06$, respectively, for social orientation, adaptive relief, and patience with mistakes at $p < 0.05$). No statistically significant correlations were observed between gender, migratory status, and the perception of support received from educators.

Table 3: Individual-level correlations between students' reports of teacher support and other predictor factors

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1. Adaptive relief	1							
2. Patience by mistakes	0.870	1						
3. Social orientation	0.850	0.830	1					
4. Parental education	-0.005	-0.010	-0.035	1				
5. Wealth possessions	-0.034	-0.028	-0.036	0.150	1			
6. Prior achievement	0.090	0.050	0.060	0.240	0.012	1		
7. Female	-0.030	-0.020	-0.016	-0.038	-0.09	-0.16	1	
8. Migration background	0.010	-0.006	0.001	-0.06	-0.24	-0.11	0.009	1

Here are the results from the different models that looked at adaptive relief, mistake tolerance, and social orientation, in this order. To find answers to the questions our research raised, we looked into a lot of basic models, such as those with only indicators of background socioeconomic status (Model1), those with only indicators of past achievement, those with indicators of both socioeconomic background or prior achievement scores at the same time, and those with terms that interact with each other.

Within the following subsections, they provide the results for each facet of teacher support that was researched. According to the results of the study, a negative correlation exists between wealth and a person's impression of adaptive alleviation ($B_{wealth} = -6.26, p .05$). This was shown by the data. According to Model 2, students who had higher levels of past accomplishment reported having a greater sense of adaptive relief in their respective classrooms. Even after taking the students' previous academic performance into account, wealth possessions continued to show a connection with a more pessimistic impression of adaptive alleviation ($B_{wealth} = -6.03, p .05$). In conclusion, the findings of Model 4 indicated that past accomplishment did not interact with the level of material assets or educational attainment of the children's parents in order to predict the students' perceptions of adaptive relief. In Table 3, you can see what was found. 3b said there was no link between how people felt about their ability to remain patient with mistakes and how they were measured in terms of their social background. Students who had better previous accomplishment regarded their instructors as having more patience in the face of students making errors. These results are similar to those that were found on the adaptive relief dimension. When we added social background factors to Model 3, this trend was still there. In addition, we did not find any evidence of a relationship between past accomplishment and socioeconomic background variables in terms of the impression of tolerance with errors. Results are reported in the first column of Table 3, which may be found here. In study 3c, students who had more wealth at home gave the teacher a lower grade for social orientation than their friends who had less wealth ($B_{wealth} = -6.96, p.05$). As we saw before, the basic model for past performance showed that higher amounts of past success were positively linked with how the teacher was seen by others.

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To rule out the idea that multicollinearity might have affected the data, the same models were looked at with both the family education index and the wealth index. When both of these markers were included into the final models, the results were the same as before. Given that Germany's secondary schools use a tracking system that is academically selective, we also tested the hypothesis that the actual levels of support that students receive may differ depending on which track they were placed in. For instance, students who were placed in lower tracks may receive more learning support than those who were placed in academic tracks. Although the results were not statistically significant at the $p < 0.05$ level, likely because of a remarkable decrease in the sample size, we found very similar coefficients in the same direction as the coefficients in the full sample. This allowed us to rule out differences that could have been caused by differences in the school tracks that the students were following. As a result, there was no evidence to suggest that the perspectives of students on the assistance of teachers altered depending on the combination of academic course and family income.

A total of 750 questionnaires were distributed to the respondents. Out of this number, 595 sets of the questionnaire were returned, and 572 questionnaires were analysed using the Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS) version 25.0 software.

- **Factor Analysis:**

Confirming the latent component structure of a collection of measurement items is a common utilisation Factor Analysis (FA). The scores on the observable (or measured) variables are thought to be caused by latent (or unobserved) factors. Accuracy analysis (FA) is a model-based method. Its focus is on the modelling of causal pathways between observed phenomena, unobserved causes, and measurement error.

The data's suitability for factor analysis may be tested using the Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) Method. Each model variable and the whole model are evaluated to see whether they were adequately sampled. The statistics measure the potential shared variation among many variables. In general, the smaller the percentage, the better the data was suitable for factor analysis..

KMO gives back numbers between 0 & 1. If the KMO value is between 0.8 and 1, then the sampling is considered to be sufficient.

If the KMO is less than 0.6, then the sampling is insufficient and corrective action is required. Some writers use a number of 0.5 for this, thus between 0.5 and 0.6, you'll have to apply your best judgement.

- KMO Near 0 indicates that the total of correlations is small relative to the size of the partial correlations. To rephrase, extensive correlations pose a serious challenge to component analysis.

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Kaiser's cutoffs for acceptability are as follows: Kaiser's cutoffs for acceptability are as follows:

A dismal 0.050 to 0.059. • 0.60 - 0.69 below-average Typical range for a middle grade: 0.70-0.79.

Having a quality point value between 0.80 and 0.89. The range from 0.90 to 1.00 is really stunning.

Table 6: KMO

KMO and Bartlett's Test		
Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy.		.880
Bartlett's Test of Sphericity	Approx. Chi-Square	325.968
	df	190
	Sig.	.000

The scree plot is a graph that shows the relationship between the eigenvalue and the number of components. These are the values in the first two columns of the table right above. From the third component on, the line is almost flat, meaning each successive component is accounting for smaller and smaller amounts of the total variance. In general, only those principal components whose eigenvalues are greater than 1 are kept. Components with an eigenvalue of less than 1 account for less variance than did the original variable (which had a variance of 1), and so are of little use.

The first step of EFA is to check the suitability of the data for performing factor analysis. In this regard, Kaiser recommended that the KMO (Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin) measure of sampling adequacy coefficient value should be greater than 0.5 as a bare minimum for performing factor analysis. The data used in this study has a KMO value of .880. Furthermore, the significance level was determined by Bartlett's test of sphericity as 0.00.

Test for Hypothesis

A major issue in the field of education is the widespread existence of inequity. It stems from a variety of factors and has far-reaching implications, including unequal opportunities for enrolment, graduation, and—most importantly—education. These distinctions may be explained by the varying degrees of economic growth around the

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world. Several factors, such as a student's socioeconomic status, family's native language, parental employment status, and (in certain countries) sex, might affect whether or not they are able to attend school in a given state. Whilst there has been global improvement in the total or relative numbers of students, there has been no reduction in the disparities between the world's wealthiest and poorest or between those who live in rural and urban regions.

Literally speaking, a grade level's curriculum is the set of topics and skills that are meant to be covered within that year of school. Subjects and other information are included in a curriculum. It provides forth a framework for several areas of student and teacher life, such as learning resources, class time, session length, lesson plan, assessments, and ways of evaluating pupils.

A school's curriculum might help organise the learning process (a term, session, period, etc.). The classroom is a group of courses and tasks that work together to help teachers and students reach their academic goals. To provide one specific example, a teaching method is a form of curriculum that teachers use in the classroom.

CONCLUSION

This study contributes to the growing body of evidence about the significance of providing support to educators in order to guarantee a high-quality education. We have placed a special emphasis on the kids' points of view since, up to this point, the socioeconomic standing of the pupils has not been given nearly as much consideration. We have zoomed in on how students felt their professors benefited them, specifically focusing on three critical areas: mistake tolerance, adaptive support, and social mentorship. In addition, we have looked at the role that certain indicators of socioeconomic background and previous achievements have in the formation of these perceptions. Finally, we have connected these research by exploring whether or not the socioeconomic level of students has an effect on their perceptions of the assistance they get from their teachers. We found an inverse correlation between parental education and the students' evaluations of their instructors' social orientation when it came to the pedagogical effectiveness component of social orientation. In addition to this, we found a correlation between greater socioeconomic level and lower assessments of adaptive relief and social orientation among students while they were in the classroom.

LIMITATION

When evaluating our results, there are a few important things to bear in mind first. The first issue is one of generalizability, which is directly related to the number of participants in the research. There were differences in grade levels and school tracks

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that might have affected the results, even though there were many good things about the study, like the large number of people who took part and the use of internationally recognised tools to measure the effectiveness of teachers' help. Because of this, it's possible that our results can't be applied to everyone. However, we still believe that these findings are in line with basic ways that people make decisions, like when kids from different socioeconomic backgrounds interact with other adults outside of secondary education. In any case, it would be helpful to learn more about how students' financial backgrounds affect how they see support in different situations. There are several places where this would be true. Second, we used the PISA questions, which have been changed and used in many other foreign studies to find out how students feel about getting help from their teachers. These items have been adapted from the Programme for International Student Assessment. Alternate item wordings, such as "the teacher cares about the problems of students" vs "the teacher cares about my problems", should be compared in future research in an effort to better capture individuals' points of view.

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