

ABSTRACT

School Civility: An Investigation Into the Extent to Which School is a Civil Place for Students in One Secondary School

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This replication study sought to examine the extent to which school is a civil place for students in one secondary school in Trinidad and Tobago. Data were collected through a questionnaire administered to 65 Form 5 students. The findings revealed that 1) there were unacceptably high levels of incivility and impoliteness between teachers and students; 2) 47.7% of students fought with weapons and drug use was common; and 3) while many of the students believed that the teachers were afraid of them, a significant number viewed them as caring and supportive of the students.

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