



A Study on Absenteeism of High School Students

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Abstract: The present study aims to study the absenteeism of high school students in Andhra Pradesh in relation to their gender, school management and the economic condition of the family. The researcher has chosen a sample of 100 students studying in Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh. The researcher collected the data from the concern high schools and the data was analyzed using statistical measures as Mean, Standard Deviation and 't' test. The findings of the study show that the Absenteeism of high school students in relation to their economical condition shows no significance difference. But the Absenteeism of high school students in relation to their gender and school management shows significance difference.

INTRODUCTION:

Absenteeism in school is the habit of staying away from the school without providing a genuine or any reason for not attending classes. Absenteeism is truant behavior that negatively affects the performance among students. Absenteeism is the continual interruption of attendance.

CAUSES FOR ABSENTEEISM:

Illness or Injury: Sometimes absences are unavoidable due to illness or injury.

Lack of interest: Due to lack of interest in studies some students may not attend the school.

Fear about School: Fear about school or at particular teacher is also one of the cause for absenteeism.

Holding responsibility: The responsibility of taking care of younger siblings at home causes some times absent.

Poverty: Due to poverty it is necessary for the child to go for work.

Parents Illiteracy: Due to parents illiteracy they do not show more concern on their children education.

Pending in Home Work: Due to pending in home work some students feel fear to face the class.

PROBLEMS DUE TO ABSENTEEISM IN EDUCATION:

The students who are not come in school regularly and not attend the classes are called absent. This habitual act of students is called absenteeism.

Although there are many factors which effect on students performance either related to personal life or educational settings but the effect of absenteeism on performance is more prone to discuss.



Regularly attendance fulfills several important goals of school education. It encourages the students to organize their thinking by comparing new ideas. It plays an important role in enhancing student performance because it helps the students to submit assignment on time, enhance collaboration among students, increase the test score of the students, improve the student G.P.A, increase the student confidence, increase their understanding of basic concepts, easily understanding every point, student achieve greater understanding and improve coordination with teachers and peers. These problems can be overcome by improving attendance and reducing the absenteeism.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY:

To study the absenteeism of High School students in relation to their

Gender, school management and economic condition of the family.

HYPOTHESIS:

There is no significant difference in absenteeism of high school students in relation to their Gender, School management and Economic condition of the family.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

For the present study the researcher adopted normative survey method and the research is qualitative in nature. The population of the study includes all the high school students in Andhra Pradesh. For the present study the researcher had randomly chosen a sample of 100 students studying in the high schools of Krishna district.

SAMPLE COUNT:

s.no	variable		count	percentage
1	Gender	Male	50	50
		Female	50	50
2	Economic condition of the family	BPL	70	70
		Non BPL	30	30
3	school management	Government	60	60
		Private	40	40

METHODOLOGY FOR COLLECTING DATA:

The researcher personally visited the sample schools and collected information from the school records. The researcher calculated the percentage of attendance for this. After that appropriate statistical

techniques were adopted for the purpose of analysis of data.

ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETION OF DATA:

The researcher adopted statistical techniques such as Mean, Standard Deviation and 't'test for analysis and



interpretation of the collected data. The table. The results were computed in the following

variable		Mean	Standard Deviation	t' value
Gender	Male	85	4.85	7.93
	Female	73	3.92	
Economic condition of the family	BPL	75	4.79	1.93
	Non BPL	77	4.6	
school management	Government	78	6.12	8.49
	Private	90	7.98	

1. ABSENTEEISM OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN RELATION TO GENDER:

The 't' value obtained for the variable Gender is greater than the table value . this shows that there is significance difference in absenteeism of high school students in relation to their Gender. Female students are get more absent than the male students.

2. ABSENTEEISM OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN RELATION TOTHEIR FAMILY 'S ECONOMIC CONDITION:

The 't'value obtained for the variable economic condition of the family is less than the table value at 0.05 level. This shows that there is no significance difference in absenteeism of high school students in relation to their family's economic condition.

3. ABSENTEEISM OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN RELATION TO SCHOOL MANAGEMENT:

The 't'value obtained for the variable school management is greater

than the table value at 0.05 level. This shows that there is significance difference in absenteeism of high school students in relation to their school management. Government school children are get more absent than private school children.

FINDINGS:

The two variables Gender and school management shows significant difference towards absenteeism. But the other variable economic condition of the family shows no significance difference towards absenteeism.

LIMITATION OF THE STUDY:

The study is limited to the students studying in the high schools of Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh only. The study is further limited to the sample of student and items specifies in the tool only.

CONCLUSION:

Since absenteeism is one of the important obstacle to achieve the goals of education , the teachers and the management should focus on it. Every teacher should recognize the absented



students and find out the reasons and try to resolve it. If there is no absenteeism in schools, then, the fruits of education will reach the society. Hence, studies should be conducted regularly in all the schools in this regard.

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