

1. The title is relevant and timely. However, the author should spell out Body Mass Index in the topic and enclose the acronym in a bracket. The title does not capture the location of the study; African-American Middle School Students at Where?

IMPACT OF BODY MASS INDEX (BMI) AND PERCEIVED WEIGHT ON ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS IN AN URBAN SCHOOL SYSTEM

2. Abstract: The abstract is explicit. Note that except as prescribed by the publisher, abstracts are not written in sections. All the constituent structures should flow as a piece of prose.

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to determine the relationship between BMI, perceived weight and academic performance in African American students (N=78) attending a majority-minority school. Assessments were performed during a summer academic enrichment program. Perceived weight determined from responses to a data collection questionnaire. Height and weight were measured to determine BMI. Standardized test scores and grade point averages were collected from students' respective schools. Perceived weight and actual BMI were positively correlated ($r_{pb} = .72; p < .01$). There was a positive relationship between perceived weight and reading ($r_{pb} = .345, p < .05$) and English/language arts (ELA $r_{pb} = .323, p < .05$) for female participants. Results indicated no relationship between BMI, perceived weight and academic performance. As perception of weight increased, reading and ELA standardized test scores increased for female participants. Further research is warranted to ascertain whether perceived weight is a protective factor for African-American females.

3. Introduction: The second sentence of the introduction needs attribution to support the claim that the effect of obesity is prominent in middle-school years and puberty. In other words, the author should cite a source. Mention why you focused on that population.

4. Method: The method is appropriate and relevant for measuring the variables measured. However, no mention of the sampling technique. How were the participants selected? It seems obvious that the purposive sampling method was applied; the author should include it.

5. Conclusion/Implications: The conclusion and implications can be improved as it focuses on only two recommendations for now.

6. Language: Language needs editing