

Spelled out BMI and put in parentheses: Body Mass Index (BMI). Did not want to put specifically where [Atlanta Public School System (APS)], so identified by type and relevance to manuscript by stating “Urban School System”.

This effect is especially prevalent during adolescence where studies show that negative self-perception of weight is associated with aberrant and suicidal behavior, depression, and low self-esteem.⁴⁻⁶

The purposive sampling method was applied to select study participants. One hundred fifty middle school students (aged 10-14 years) were given the option to participate in the study upon enrollment into a summer academic enrichment program. Seventy-two students were excluded from the final analysis as a result of incomplete data (e.g., such as missing standardized test scores and/or grades). All subjects self-identified as African-American and qualified, under federal guidelines, for free or reduced-price lunch program (used as a marker for low socioeconomic status). The sample included 45 (57%) females and 33 (41.8%) males. The urban school system consists of approximately 75.5% African-American students, 14.7% Caucasian, 6.8% Hispanic, 1.6% multiracial, and 1.2% Asian, American Indian, Alaskan, and other²¹.

Various edits have been made to the text to increase readability of the article. The authors completed a thorough re-review of each section and have made corrections as necessary.

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