
Attitude towards independent learning: A comparison of private school and government school students in Delhi

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This paper examines the attitude of students towards independent learning in government school and in private school in Delhi. Attitude of students are crucial to decrease large scale drop outs and for systematic learning all through life time. Also, if we encourage the students towards independent study from their school days, students will develop higher level of thinking at later stage of life.

This study tests whether the students of private school and government school are different in their attitude towards “limiting to text-books is a nice strategy”, using the Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney test. This is a nonparametric test. This technique, which has not yet been much employed in the Indian education literature, is therefore, well suited to our likert scale data which is not normally distributed.

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1 Introduction

Many children don't enjoy studies, educators, and even institute. Several youngsters have negative outlook toward school. Attitude of students are crucial to decrease large scale drop outs and for systematic learning all through life time. The attitude towards independent learning facilitates the development of higher intellectual behaviours and also aids in learning subject matter outside the core curriculum. Independent learning assigns