

DETERMINANTS OF ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AMONG SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (SHS) STUDENTS IN THE ASHANTI MAMPONG MUNICIPALITY OF GHANA

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ABSTRACT

The major thrust of this study was to establish the determinants of academic performance among SHS Students in the Ashanti Mampong Municipality of Ghana. Descriptive and correlational research designs were used and the data were collected through questionnaires. The sample size was therefore 571 students via a multi-stage sampling procedure. The findings of the study revealed parental involvement, parents' academic ambition for their children, peer influence, the child's academic ambition and the child's effort as the correlates of academic performance. The findings also established parental involvements, sex of the child, the child's academic ambition and the child's effort as the main determinants of academic performance. The findings however did not confirm the null hypothesis so it was rejected. On the basis of these findings, it was recommended that educational authorities should encourage parents to instill high academic ambition in their children and also parents should be told to monitor and assess the kind of friends that their children keep.

Keywords: Parental involvement, Parents' academic ambition for their wards, Peer influence, Child's academic ambition, Child's effort.