

ABSTRACT

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The purposes of this survey research were to compare the effects of parenting styles upon attachment styles, self-esteem and self-acceptance of at risk students and to compare at risk and non at risk students of similar or different parenting styles upon attachment, self-esteem and self-acceptance.

The subjects were divided into 2 groups. The first group consisted of 138 at risk students studying in their first semester of the academic year 2001. They as well as the second group of 138 non at risk students had the same major subject, level, age and sex. Five questionnaires were administered to both groups. They were risk behavior, parenting styles, attachment styles, self-esteem and self-acceptance. The data so obtained were analyzed using percentage, means, standard deviation, one-way anova, multiple comparison and t-test.

The results indicated that overprotection and rejection parenting styles were found in at risk students, whereas supportive parenting styles in non at risk students. The means of attachment, self-esteem and self-acceptance in supportive parenting styles were higher than those in overprotection and rejection parenting styles. Finally, different parenting styles and different groups of students, at risk and non at risk, affected different means of attachment, self-esteem and self-acceptance at the 0.05 level of significance.