Abstract

The study examined the relationship between self-efficacy and indulgence in behavior problems among students in selected Kenyan secondary schools. A correlation survey Design was adopted. The target population was 11479 form three students drawn from three Sub Counties in Kenya, and the sample size comprised 386 students. The general self-efficacy and indulgence in Behaviour problem questionnaires were used to collect data. A bivariate correlation (zero-order) was used to analyze data with the aid of SPSS. The finding revealed students self-efficacy and indulgence in behavior problems were moderately negatively correlated r(347) = -.416, P= .012. It was concluded that student's self-efficacy and indulgence in behavior problems were significantly correlated, however the study showed that their relationship was inverse; high self-efficacy associated with low level of indulgence in behavior problems and vice -versa. The computation of a coefficient of determination, established that the two variables showed a significant proportion of their variance, r2 = 17.3percent of that variance. This indicated that 17 percent of the variance in respondents scores on the indulgence to behavior problems being explained by student's self-efficacy alone. The parents also should identify the best parenting practices that promote students self-efficacy, so that at school level they will be fully adjusted to following learning instructions other than involving in behaviour problems