

Abstract

The current study attempted to investigate the different influential factors leading to early adolescent girls' career aspiration and career/ academic choice orientation in Hong Kong. High school subject preference and choice of college major were selected to illustrate participants' career/ academic interests. Proposed influential factors were environmental influences, relational influences and personal influences. 570 Form 3 female students were recruited from 3 girls' schools and 2 co-educational schools to participate in this study. Results of hierarchical regression analyses showed that personal influences such as self-perception in mathematical ability and level of masculinity were the major driving factors of adolescent girls' academic interests and career aspiration. In particular, one of the environmental factors, length of father's working time, has also placed significant influence on girls' career aspiration.

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