

Moral judgement and attitude of children towards school

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■ **ABSTRACT** : Morality is the supreme essence of a civilized society which distinguishes men from animals. Patterning of experiences is necessary for higher form of moral judgement. Development of moral judgement plays an important role in shaping the personality of child. The present study was undertaken to find out the association between moral judgement and medium of school, moral judgement and respondents attitude towards the school. A total of 160 children attending classes III-VI from four co-educational (two English and two Assamese medium) schools were selected as sample for the present study. The study was carried out in Jorhat district of Assam. Data were collected with the help of a standardized tool "Moral Judgement Test" and an interview schedule for assessing the students' attitude towards the school. Data were collected in the calander year 2010 and 2011. The collected data were coded and analyzed. Results revealed that there was no association between development of moral judgement and medium of school. Teaching method and co-curricular activities were positive contributing factor for acceleration of moral values and judgement. Results further revealed that there was a significant association between development of moral judgement and students' attitude towards the school. Children who had high ability of moral judgement, their attitude towards the school was also better. Children will benefit from the guidance of adults who can provide strategies to help them to learn self-control, which will later transform into a flexible capacity for moral self-regulation.

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