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**IMPACT OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT ON SECONDARY
SCHOOL STUDENTS**

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ABSTRACT

Academic achievement has a profound impact on secondary school students, influencing various aspects of their lives. High academic performance often leads to enhanced self-esteem and confidence, as students experience a sense of accomplishment and validation of their efforts. This positive reinforcement can motivate them to set higher goals and pursue further educational and career opportunities. Academic success also opens doors to scholarships, advanced study programs, and future career prospects, providing a significant advantage in the competitive job market. Conversely, struggles with academic achievement can have detrimental effects. Poor performance may lead to decreased self-confidence, increased stress, and feelings of inadequacy, potentially resulting in disengagement from school and extracurricular activities. The pressure to perform well academically can sometimes contribute to mental health issues, such as anxiety or depression, especially if students lack adequate support or resources. Furthermore, academic achievement can influence social dynamics, with high achievers often experiencing positive recognition, while those who struggle might face stigmatization or isolation. Therefore, it is crucial for educators and parents to support students in managing academic pressures, fostering a balanced approach that prioritizes both educational success and emotional well-being.