

Bright Underachievers: Prevalence and Profile

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ABSTRACT Six hundred adolescents in the age range of 15-17 yrs. were tested for their IQ. From these children, 120 bright children having IQ 110 and above were selected. Academic achievement of these bright children was assessed. Children were divided into high and low achievers following median-split method of marks. Academic performance of high and low achieving bright adolescents was found to be significantly different while their intelligence level was same. In this way existence of bright underachiever population was proved. Their profile was studied to get a general idea of their background.