

The Violent Behaviors among the Students in Rural and Urban Areas of Turkey

Abstract

Violent behaviors among students are becoming an important matter for studies in educational research. Especially, this kind of behaviors has been observed in elementary schools. In this study we investigated violent behaviors among the elementary school students in rural and urban areas. The purpose of this study was to investigate the violent behaviors regarding some variables such as gender, classroom and location of the school. We focused on five dimensions of violence (physical, verbal, sexual, emotional and institutional). Survey method was used in the study. 2811 students, being educated in 7 rural and 7 urban areas, participated in this research in Turkey. As a result of this study, we found that there was a significant difference between the students educated in rural and urban areas in terms of the institutional violence dimension.

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Introduction

Violence in every part of society continues to be a global epidemic that kills and tortures physically, psychologically, sexually and economically. Violence in society is a significant public concern, particularly after the spate of tragic shootings in recent years (Small and Tetrick, 2001). Perhaps, violence can be thought of as a natural human reaction to avoid unpleasant and painful experiences, but it is spreading and it is a prevalent problem.