

HOW THE ADOLESCENTS OF 18 YEARS OLD SELECT THEIR CLOSE FRIEND

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Abstract

This study aims to understand how the adolescents of 18 years old select their close friend, considering their way of conceiving the close friend, the formation of their concept, the characteristics of their close friend, the expectations against their close friend and the understanding they have already a person close friend. This study is qualitative and it's conducted with 16 students of XII^s classes in the public middle school "Jordan Misja" of Shkodra (Albania), in November (2014). This middle school has 8 parallels of XII^s classes, where in each of them is realized an educational hour with the same thematic of this study and in the end of which are randomly selected (optionally) 2 students / class (1 female; 1 male), who are then interviewed individually. The interview contains 5 open questions, where each of them represent a particular field: (1) the conception of close friend; (2) what has affected the way of conceiving the close friend; (3) the essential characteristics of the close friend; (4) the expectations against the close friend; (5) the concrete process of selection the close friend. At the end, the data are coded and analyzed, drawing the appropriate conclusions. During the selection of the close friend, teenagers of 18 years old pay more attention to the confidence, the open communication, the understanding in different circumstances, their similarity in various aspects, the supporting and providing assistance when they need it and also at the time factor which helps during the process of recognizing him/her and having a sustainable relationship with.

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