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The Level of Scientific Literacy among Secondary School Students and its Relation with their Attitudes toward Science and Technology

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ABSTRACT

This study aimed at assessing secondary school students' level of scientific literacy and its relation with their attitudes toward science and technology.

The sample of the study consisted of 1173 students distributed into 20 schools selected randomly out of 150 schools in Amman. The data were analyzed by using One-Way ANOVA to compare mediums of the groups' achievement in the scientific literacy test, and Pearson correlation factor between level of literacy and attitudes was calculated. Results showed that there were low levels of scientific literacy among the whole sample, a significant difference ($\alpha \leq 0.05$) due to gender in favor of males, specialty in favor of scientific stream, school environment in favor of private schools of foreign programs, and a high correlation factor between literacy and attitudes. The study recommended adopting scientific literacy objective in the Jordanian curricula, using effective approaches to achieve this goal and following up assessment of levels of literacy in different dimensions and in a variety of groups.

KEYWORDS: Education, students, secondary school, science education, science, technology, scientific literacy, attitudes toward science and technology, school environment, teaching program.

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