

An Analysis of Factors Affecting Students' Selection of Senior High School

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Abstract: The study intended to identify factors affecting student's selection of senior high school. The study combines qualitative and quantitative approaches. Qualitative approach was used to identify variables and quantitative approach was used to group the variables into factors. Forty one variables are derived from interview that is converted into a 41 items questionnaire. Using exploratory factor analysis with principal factor extraction, six factors are extracted with 22 remain significant variables. The six factors that contribute to the preference in selecting senior high school are variety of school programs, discipline, school environment, academic quality, and focus on spiritual, sport facilities. The highest preference in selecting senior high school is variety of school programs while the least variance is sport facilities. No significant difference was found between male and female students in selecting senior high school.

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