Abstract

Parenting styles have been investigated for several decades and are considered predictors of behavior among young individuals. This study’s objective was to produce a reduced version of a Brazilian measure that can be used to evaluate such styles, the Parental Perception Questionnaire (PPQ-20), an instrument that is useful in assessing parenting styles. The participants were 386 elementary-school students (208 men) with a mean age of 12.7 years (sd = 1.60). The participants answered two versions of the PPQ, each one composed of 20 items to assess the young individuals’ perceptions concerning their fathers (PPQ-20-F) and mothers (PPQ-20-M). The analysis of principal components (varimax rotation) revealed a two-component structure (responsiveness and demandingness) for both versions, which accounted for about 40% of the total variance. These components presented Cronbach’s alpha scores above 0.70. Finally, there is evidence this measure has factorial validity and internal consistency.

Keywords

Parental styles, socialization, questionnaires, statistical validity, teste reliability