

# THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADOLESCENTS' SELF-CONCEPT OF PERSONAL ABILITY: A DEVELOPMENTAL STUDY

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**ABSTRACT\_** *The study aimed to identifying the change that adolescents' self-concept of personal ability undergo, and detecting the significance of difference according to the variables of gender and educational specialization. The study includes a sample of 186 male and female high school student. And it depended on the measure of self-concept which was prepared by (Kadhim, 1990) after checking its indicators of authenticity and stability. After analyzing the data statistically, it showed that there is a developmental maturation in the students' self-concept of personal ability. When comparing the students'' self-concept of personal ability at the start and end of the academic year, it turned out that there is a statistical significance of difference. The results showed a significance of difference between the two genders and to the benefit of the male students. While the results did not show a significance of difference that can be attributed to the variable of educational specialization. According to the results, a number of recommendations and suggestions have been presented.*

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