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Attendance and Academic Performance of Students in Secondary Schools: A Correlational Approach

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ABSTRACT This study identified average percentage of attendance, academic performance and the correlation between attendance and academic performance of students in secondary schools. A checklist was used to collect 2860 students' percentage scores in attendance and academic performance from 58 secondary schools, used in this study. Three research questions were raised and answered using percentage mean and linear regression equation. Two hypotheses were formulated and tested using Pearson r. The study revealed that; the mean score of students in attendance was 68% and academic performance 66%. It also revealed a fair positive correlation between attendance and academic performance. It showed the coefficient of determination $r^2 = 0.22$, an indication that 22% of students academic performance was influenced by attendance in secondary schools in Delta State, Nigeria.