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The Correlation between the Musical Interest and Achievement Motive

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ABSTRACT The purpose of this study is to identify the correlation between the musical interests and achievements motivate of prospective music teachers. The study was designed as a correlative survey. The study was conducted on a total of 829 first, second, third, and fourth grade prospective music teachers who studied during the 2011-2012 academic year in Turkey. The data were collected through the Musical Interest Scale and the Achievement Motive Scale. They were analysed via correlation and regression analyses. The findings suggest an intermediate correlation between the musical interests and achievement motivations of prospective music teachers, suggesting that musical interests play a role in the achievement motivations of prospective music teachers.