



# A STUDY OF PERCEIVED PARENTING STYLES AMONG ENGLISH AND MARATHI MEDIUM STUDENTS OF STD-VIII IN AURANGABAD CITY

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## **Abstract: -**

The role of parent's is very important in the lives of children. Because parents are the first teacher in every child's life. Therefore, parenting style plays an important role in shaping children's educational, social and emotional as well as the whole personality development. The purpose of the study is to compare the perceived parenting styles among English and Marathi medium students of STD-VIII in Aurangabad city. The study involves a sample of 120 students from STD-VIII selected randomly from English medium and Marathi medium schools in Aurangabad city. The tool of Parenting Scale by R. L. Bhardwaj, H. Sharma and A. Gerg (2019) was used in this study. Statistical analysis was done using with Mean, S. D., and t-test. The result showed that the level of parenting of mothers as perceived by students of STD-VIII. is moderate. The level of parenting of fathers as perceived by students of STD-VIII. is moderate. It was also found that there is no significant difference between the role of mothers and fathers of STD-VIII. However, there is a significant difference in perception of parenting among English and Marathi medium students of STD-VIII.

**Keyword: -** Parenting Style

## **INTRODUCTION: -**

Parenting style plays an important role in social, mental, emotional as well as educational development of children. Perceived parenting style means what is the parent's approach to raising their children and how does the children experience and interpret it. Because children observe their parents and remember everything about their parents and their behaviour. Infact, they imitate their parents. And all these things not only shape the personality of children but also contribute in shaping their future. Parenting style is the perception of children about how parents behave, speak and communicate with their children and among themselves.

**Definition of parenting style -** Parenting as the style of child upbringing refers to a privilege or responsibility of mother and father together or independently to prepare the child for society and culture (Veenes, 1973a) (Bhardwaj, R. L. 2019 p.3).

Every parent wants that his or her child grows up into a successful and a good human being. Not only this but the child should make great progress and has a bright future with a happy life. For which, every parent is seen struggling and trying their best. Some parents try to provide all kinds of comforts to their children. some try to fulfil all the demands of their children and some have high expectations from their children for which they try to impose the burden

of their expectations on them. On the contrary, there are some parents who neglect children. They have no clue about what is going on in their children's lives and sometimes they are even unaware about their academic performance. All these good or bad behaviours of parents have an impact on children. Accordingly, their personality develops, their future is shaped. Therefore, parenting style plays an important role in the emotional and educational development of children. Therefore, parents need to create a balanced and supportive environment for their children.

Parenting style is a characteristic, which has a strong impact on the child's development (Naushin, F. T. and Hazara, S., 2022). Perceived parenting style is described as the parenting style which in the opinion of adolescents or children is perceived by them from their parents during their childhood or adolescence (Shalini, Madhu, 2020). Parenting is a convergent term of the various nurturance practices of parents and it is considered to be an important determinant which affects the whole life of a child (Chowdhuri, Swarnali and Ghose, Aditi, 2014). Parenting is not only about a parent's personality traits, but it relates to two-way interactions between parents and children (Thapa, N., et al., 2023). According to 'Rousseau' "mother is true nurse and father is true teacher" (Lovesampuranjot, 2021). Parenting styles encompass parent's behaviours and attitudes and the emotional environment in which they raise their children (Kendra, Cherry, 2024). The role of parents as sculptors to constitute a child's behaviour which is manifested, learned, encouraged, and suppressed by effective parenting skills (Nirja, S. and Mehrunissa, S., 2016).

Few researches have been conducted, but no work has been done to explore a study of perceived parenting styles among English and Marathi medium students. Thus, the researcher felt the need of this research.

### ***Review of literature: -***

- 1) Chowdhury Swarnali and Ghose Aditi (2014), this study indicates that there is a strong relationship between sagacious parenting and good study habit. Researcher also concluded that to inculcate good study habit, parents need to be realistic about their own principles and actions in their daily lives.
- 2) Niraja, S. and Meherunissa S. (2016), concluded in their study that parenting styles had significant effects on adolescent self-esteem. Girls had a higher level of self-esteem than the boys.
- 3) Lovesampuranjot et.al (2021), in their study concluded that there was significant association between parental involvement and family climate with educational status of mother.
- 4) Sahni Madhu (2020), indicate that authoritative parenting styles was significant on emotional intelligence and general wellbeing among adolescents.
- 5) Thapa Nisha, Dewan Survechhya and Gauro Pooja (2023), concluded in their study that there is a correlation between parenting styles and self-esteem with mother  $r=0.2643$ , father  $r=0.3102$ .
- 6) Kendra Cherry (2024), Why parenting styles which encompass parent's behaviors and attitude in which they raise their children.
- 7) Jessup University (2025), 'The Psychology Behind Different Types of Parenting Styles' in this article Different types of parenting styles are given, what is the psychology behind it and what challenges parents face to raise their child.
- 8) Tattva school (2019), explained types of Parenting and their effects on kids. Researcher focused on parenting styles and its importance in development for children and the foundation of healthy growth for your child.
- 9) Newport Academy (2023), in their article explained parenting skills for the well-being of children. In this article good parenting tips and examples of good parenting are given through which parents can improve their caretaking abilities.
- 10) Tamboli F. Naushin and Shaikh Hazara (2022), concluded in their study that the authoritative parenting style has a positive relationship with self-efficacy. The study also reveals that, authoritarian and permissive parenting style is inconclusive whereas authoritative and parenting style is conclusive.
- 11) Mehta, Shreya and Babel, Garima, (2020), in their study 'To compare parenting styles of the mothers and the fathers of early adolescents' concluded that majority of parents followed authoritative and permissive style of parenting.

12) Biswas, Sukanya and Sharma, Poonam, (2019), in their study 'To Study the Gender-Wise Difference in Parenting Styles of Mother and Father' concluded that the mothers were more likely to parent the boy child in authoritative style as compared to their girl child whereas the fathers were more likely to be authoritarian with the girls as compared to the boys.

13) Dey, Shreyashi, and Naskar Sumana Samanta, (2023), in their study 'A study on parenting styles and study habits for secondary school students', concluded that authoritarian parenting style is negatively correlated with study habits, indicating that stricter parenting is associated with less effective study habits.

### ***Need of the study: -***

The aim of this study is to compare the perceived parenting styles among English and Marathi medium students. Is there any difference of perceived parenting styles between English and Marathi medium students, and how children think about their parents. This study helps parents to know how to behave with their children and how to develop them. Therefore, this study is important.

### ***RESEARCH METHODOLOGY: -***

In the present study survey method has been used.

### ***Objectives: -***

- 1) To study the role of mothers in parenting as perceived by their children.
- 2) To study the role of fathers in parenting as perceived by their children.
- 3) To study the difference between role of mothers and fathers.
- 4) To study the difference in parenting style as perceived by students of English and Marathi medium schools.

### ***Hypothesis: -***

- 1) The level of parenting of mother as perceived by students of STD-VIII is high.
- 2) The level of parenting of father as perceived by students of STD-VIII is high.
- 3) There is no difference between the role of mothers and fathers of STD-VIII.
- 4) There is no difference in perception of parenting among English and Marathi medium students of STD. VIII.

### ***Population: -***

All students studying in Marathi and English medium schools of STD-VIII in Aurangabad city.

### ***Sample: -***

120 students in Marathi and English medium schools of STD-VIII in Aurangabad city were randomly selected.

**Table-1- Sampling design**

Class	Marathi Medium Students	English Medium Students	Total Students
VIII	60	60	120

### ***Limitations of the study: -***

- 1) The present study was confined to the Aurangabad city.
- 2) The present study was restricted to 120 students.
- 3) The study was delimited to STD-VIII students.
- 4) The study was delimited to Marathi and English medium students.

**Tools used: -****Table-2- tool used in the study**

Sr. No.	Name of the Tool	Author	Reliability	Validity
1	Parenting Scale	Bhardwaj R. L., Sharma H., Garg A.	.72	.75

**Statistical Techniques used: -**

Mean, S. D., T-test were used in this study for analysis of data.

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION: -****Table-3- Norm table for level of perceived parenting**

Level of Parenting	Score Range	Interpretation
High	144 - 175	Strongly Positive Parenting Perception
Moderate	113 - 143	Balanced or Neutral Parenting Perception
Low	81 - 112	Negative or Weak Parenting Perception

**H1:** - The level of parenting of mother as perceived by students of STD-VIII is high.

**Table-4- Mother's mean**

Sr. No.	Parents	N	Mean	Interpretation
1	Mothers	120	135.86	Balanced or Neutral Parenting Perception

Above table shows that the level of parenting of mother as perceived by students of STD-VIII is interpreted as Balanced or Neutral Parenting Perception, which is Moderate according to the norm table.

**H2:** - The level of parenting of father as perceived by students of STD-VIII is high.

**Table-5- Father's mean**

Sr. No.	Parents	N	Mean	Interpretation
1	Fathers	120	135.52	Balanced or Neutral Parenting Perception

Above table shows that the level of parenting of father as perceived by students of STD-VIII is interpreted as Balanced or Neutral Parenting Perception, which is Moderate according to the norm table.

**H3:** - There is no significant difference between the role of mothers and fathers of STD-VIII.

**Table-6- Role of mothers and fathers**

Sr. No.	Parents	N	Mean	SD	df	t-test	Remarks
1	Mothers	120	135.86	14.64	118	0.16	Accepted
2	Fathers		135.52	17.48			

Above table shows that obtained 't' value 0.16 is less than table value of df 118 at 0.05 level of significant. Therefore, it is concluded that there is no significant difference between the role of mothers and fathers of STD-VIII. Hence Null hypothesis is accepted.

**H4:** - There is no significant difference in perception of parenting among English and Marathi medium students of STD-VIII.

**Table-7- Perception of parenting among English and Marathi**

Sr. No.	Medium	N	Mean	SD	df	t-test	Remarks
1	Marathi	60	19.3	3.29	118	4.52	Rejected

2	English	60	18.26	4.19			
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Above table shows that obtained 't' value 4.52 is more than table value of df 118 at 0.05 level of significant. Therefore, it is concluded that there is a significant difference in perception of parenting among English and Marathi medium students of STD-VIII. Hence Null hypothesis is rejected.

### Findings: -

- 1) The level of parenting of mother as perceived by students of STD-VIII is moderate.
- 2) The level of parenting of father as perceived by students of STD-VIII is moderate.
- 3) There is no significant difference between the role of mothers and fathers of STD-VIII.
- 4) There is a significant difference in perception of parenting among English and Marathi medium students of STD-VIII.

### Discussion and Conclusion: -

The aim of this study of perceived parenting styles among students of STD-VIII in Aurangabad city. For this study, data was collected from 120 students (60 from English medium and 60 from Marathi medium). The analysis and interpretation revealed that the level of parenting of mothers as perceived by students of STD-VIII is interpreted as balanced or neutral parenting perception, which lies in (113-143) moderate range. And the level of parenting of fathers as perceived by students of STD-VIII is also interpreted as balanced or neutral parenting perception, which lies in (113-143) and according to the norm table it falls under moderate range. Findings also revealed that there is no significant difference between the role of mothers and fathers of STD-VIII. But there is a significant difference in perception of parenting among English and Marathi medium students of STD-VIII.

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