

# CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2008 PROJECT SUMMARY

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**Project Title** 

Screen Time vs. GPA

### **Abstract**

# **Objectives/Goals**

My goal was to show a correlation, if any, between a student's electronic media usage on a school night and his/her GPA.

#### Methods/Materials

I asked my school principal to give me the grade sheets of the 8th-10th graders. To maintain privacy she cut out all the names on the sheets and left only the student identification numbers. I had each student I was testing find his/her grade sheet and write down his/her gender and how many hours he/she spent on electronic media on a school night. I defined electronic media as using any kind of electronic screen that had nothing to do with school work. T.V., video games, and computer use were the most commonly used.

#### Results

The calculation coefficient that I calculated from my data showed no significant correlation.

### **Conclusions/Discussion**

My conclusion, based on the correlation coefficient from my data, is that there is no correlation between electronic media use on school nights and GPA in 8th-10th graders.

## **Summary Statement**

I tested to see if there is a correlation between a student's electronic media usage on a school night and his/her GPA.

## **Help Received**

Erin, my science teacher, helped me calculate the correlation coefficient.