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## Attitudes towards drugs and substance use among Kuwaiti high school students

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The data were collected through self-report survey during the academic year of 2016, and 355 Kuwaiti youth from 16 schools served as the study sample. Hierarchical linear modeling (HLM) was used to investigate whether or not direct or moderated relationships existed among the variables in predicting drug use and youths' attitudes towards drugs. Hierarchical linear modeling was also used to investigate variability among schools in school mean substance use and school mean attitudes towards drugs. Findings indicated that acculturation tended not to have direct effects on substance use and attitudes towards drugs. Findings from this study indicated that continued research on the role of attitudes in substance use among Kuwaiti high school student's is warranted. With regard to prevention interventions, the present study illustrates that providers need to be aware that attitudes level impacts the influence that risk factors have on substance use in the future. The present study examined the relationships between gender, attitudes towards drugs addiction, and the potential of drug use. In addition, it examined Kuwaiti high school student's perceptions of their parents', peers', and attitudes towards drugs and drugs addiction.

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