Let’s look at the Subject Terms in the PsycINFO item record we saw earlier.

**Attractiveness and school achievement**


**Abstract**

Facial attractiveness has been shown to have powerfully biasing effects in hypothetical investigations of teacher attitudes. The present study employed 440 Caucasian 3rd-5th graders to ascertain the relationship between rated attractiveness and 2 measures of school performance. Seven graduate students in special education rated individual photographs of Ss as to attractiveness of Ss rated as most attractive and least attractive (64 Ss) were selected for further study. Attractive children received significantly higher report cards and, to some degree, higher achievement test scores than their unattractive peers. Results are discussed, and implications for further research are considered. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2016 APA, all rights reserved)

**Details**

- Subject: Academic Achievement (major); Elementary School Students (major); Facial Features (major); Physical Attractiveness (major)
- Classification: 3550: Academic Learning & Achievement
1. I entered the word *attractiveness* and we see that *physical attractiveness* is a PsycINFO subject term.
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