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2011 PROJECT SUMMARY**

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<b>Project Title</b> <b>Stop! Watch Out for Children Cursing</b>	
<b>Objectives/Goals</b> My project was to determine if kids with parents and friends that curse and also watch movies or shows that have cursing in them, curse more than kids who do not. <b>Abstract</b> <b>Methods/Materials</b> I prepared a survey with fifteen questions titled, "Survey on the Use of Curse Words by Junior High Students". I contacted three schools in total, one public and two private schools to see if they would participate in my survey. The survey was completed by a private Christian school and private non-secular school and the public school declined. I copied and distributed 216 copies of the survey for Junior High students, 6th - 8th grade to complete. Upon completion of the surveys I collected them and calculated the responses. <b>Results</b> In my experiment I found that the kids with a background of cursing, cursed more than the ones who did not. Out of the 216 kids, 66% said they cursed and 70% said their parents cursed. My survey shows that parents have the strongest influence over their kids use of profanity. <b>Conclusions/Discussion</b> My hypothesis was supported in my experiment. I concluded that children with parents that regularly use profanity will also use curse words more often than those with parents that do not. Kids with friends that swear and who watch movies with foul language will also have a greater tendency to use curse words. However, my study indicates that the strongest influence comes from cursing at home.  If I were to do this project in the future I would ask a wider variety of questions on my survey. I would ask questions on pop music, social media and cultural background.	
<b>Summary Statement</b> My project is about identifying the strongest influence over children cursing.	
<b>Help Received</b>	