

**Causes of Upper Primary School Drop- out. A case study of
Kilungu District, Makueni County**

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ABSTRACT

The researcher collected information on the in-depth of the problem that is the rate of the school drop-out in upper primary school. The study was carried out in the Upper Hills of Kilungu District, Makueni County.

The main objective of the study was to provide the society with accurate information on school drop-out, its challenges and also investigated the means through which measures would be put in place to curb school drop-out that remain rampant, despite the Government Policy of free primary education.

The researcher randomly selected ten schools from the 56 schools found in Kilungu District and obtained data from the M.O.E office in Kilungu District authenticice the information. The design used in the study was a survey study design.

According to the data collected , Primary Schools in the area experience early school withdrawal of learners despite the free Primary education.

The factors that cause school drop-out in Kilungu District were found to be: Pregnancies, early marriages, drug abuse, child labour among others.

The researcher recommended that the Ministry of Education should formulate policies concerning abolition of tuition, closure of bars near schools, provisions learning materials, food and free medical services to learners, reinforcement of guidance and counseling in schools and incorporation of life skills in the curriculum. The researcher recommended further research so that school drop-out in primary schools can be completely eradicated.

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