

CAUSES OF DROPOUT AMONG STUDENTS IN  
MIXED SECONDARY SCHOOL

A CASE STUDY OF THREE SECONDARY SCHOOLS  
IN KIGUMO DIVISION, MURANG'A SOUTH

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## ABSTRACT

The current study ascertains the magnitude, characteristics and causal factors of mixed secondary school dropout in kigumo division, murang'a south district.

The study emphasizes the dropout perspective. The sample to study comprised four mixed day secondary schools, fourteen principals, seventy three students, forty three dropouts and twenty parents.

The main tool for data collection was a questionnaire constructed and administered by the researcher. The questionnaire was pretested and refined using subjects not included in the main study. The study is descriptive survey; hence descriptive statistics of percentages and frequency were used. Correlation coefficients were also majorly used.

In interpreting the data, the different perspectives were compared. There was a high correlation between the different view which pointed to the fact financial constraints and poor performances are a major cause of dropout in kigumo division. The dropout problem now stands at 3.4%.