

**INVESTIGATING DROP OUT RATE IN PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITHIN
NGINDA AND KAMAHUHA LOCATIONS IN MURANG'A COUNTY, KENYA**

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this research project was to establish the factors contributing to drop out rate in primary schools, effects of drop out rate on primary education and preventive measures against drop out rate in primary schools in Murang'a County, Maragua division and Makuyu division. The objectives of the research was to examine the level of primary education at which primary schools experience the highest rate of drop out and actual magnitude of the drop out. Significance of the study revealed some of the factors responsible for the shocking phenomenon of drop out rate in primary schools. Such exposure led to suggestion of measures that could be taken to minimize the problem. The findings would help administrators to plan and create ways of reducing primary school drop out rate and make every effort to sustain and also improve the current primary schools enrolment. The researcher also reviewed related literature related to the study from textbooks, journals, conference reports, newspapers and internet information. The researcher's theoretical framework was based on operant and classical conditioning theories which deal with association. The researchers methodology for undertaking the study included research design, location of study, target population which she will capture different variables such as students, teachers of guidance and counseling and school principals. Also included in methodology was the sample and sampling procedure, research instruments, data collection procedure and data analysis.