

**COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF ABSENTEEISM AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE.
A CASE STUDY IN ILLASIT SECONDARY SCHOOL IN LOITOKITOK - SUB
COUNTY, KAJIADO COUNTY.**

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to carry out a comparative analysis of absenteeism and academic performance. This study was carried out in Illasit secondary school in Loitokitok Sub – County, Kajiado County. The performance of KCSE in the year 2012 aroused the researcher’s interest to investigate how better the class could have scored if the examinees attended school in 100% in that year. The entry behaviour of the class was 6.5, C+ and it was expected that the score at KCSE could be higher than entry behaviour because of the value added progress if all the other factors were held constant. The researcher decided to investigate how absenteeism compares to academic performance and thus factors which make students to be absent from school. The target population of this study was Illasit secondary school which is a day mixed public school. The study shall sample students using purposive sampling technique, using the criteria of gender; boys and girls. A total of one hundred and twelve students shall be sampled and eight teachers who are class teachers for form one, two, three and four in different streams. Data was collected using questionnaires and interview schedules for students and teachers. Data collected was presented using bar graphs, pie charts and frequency distribution tables. The study found out that lack of school fees, illness of student and parent/guardian, prevailing weather conditions like flooded rivers, wild animals, lack of transport means, lack of sanitary towels for girls, indiscipline cases of some students, demise of close relatives, lack of basic academic tools such as (set books, calculators, mathematical tables), child labour, parents mobility, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) to be factors contributing to students absenteeism in school. The study found out that absenteeism leads to lowered academic performance at Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (K.C.S.E). This was clearly demonstrated by the form four class of 2012 whose candidature was eighty (80), fifty (50) boys and thirty (30) girls. It was analysed that: With the