

**EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE ON STUDENTS PERFORMANCE
OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN MARAGUA DIVISION.**

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this research project was to establish the effect of drug abuse on students' performance in secondary schools in Maragua division, Maragua district, Murang'a County. The objectives of the research was to identify the factors that make students take drugs in secondary schools in Maragua division and to develop methods and strategies of minimizing the effects of drug abuse on performance in students of Maragua division secondary schools. The significance of the study would help teachers in handling drug abuse cases in their schools, to equip the guidance and counseling teachers in counseling the specific students in their schools, and also help the society learn to be accommodative to the youth involved in drug abuse. The researcher would review related literature related to the study from the textbooks, journals, conference reports, newspapers and internet information. The researcher theoretical framework was based on operant and classical conditioning theories which deal with association. The researcher's methodology for undertaking the study included research design, location of the study, target population which captured 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.