

**AN INVESTIGATION ON THE FACTORS INFLUENCING
POOR TRANSITION FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY
SCHOOL IN EMBU NORTH DISTRICT, EMBU COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

The study was on factors influencing transition of pupils' from primary to secondary schools in Embu North District, Embu County in Kenya. Education is a fundamental human right because it empowers individuals with the knowledge and skills needed to increase production and income, as well as enabling individuals take advantage of employment opportunities in order to reduce poverty. It is one of the smartest economic and human development investments that any county can make.

Secondary education plays a vital role in ensuring a county's development through training, as pre-requisites to economic growth and social development. Transition from one level of education to another has been affected by various factors which include academic performance at the end of each grade, education level of parents, tuition fees charged by secondary schools when joining form one and availability of vacancies in the next level. The study will find out why secondary school enrolment does not match the primary school environment.

The study was guided by the following objectives: to establish how academic performance of pupils' at Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) influence transition from primary to secondary school, to determine the relationship between education level of parents and transition of pupils' from primary to secondary school, to establish how tuition fees charged students. When joining form one affects transition of pupils from primary to secondary schools and to determine how availability of form one vacancies in secondary schools, affect transition of pupils from primary to secondary schools in Embu North District in Embu County.

The second chapter looked at literature review on how those variables have influenced transition in other areas.

In chapter three, the researcher used descriptive survey design because it administered questionnaires and interview people while analyzing the data.