

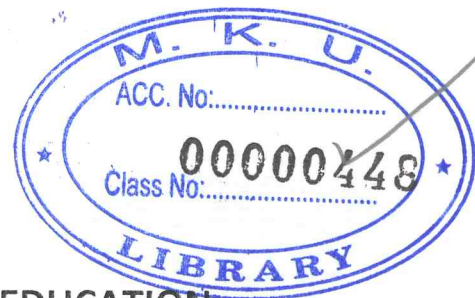
EFFECTS CONTRIBUTING TO THE PRIMARY SCHOOL DROPOUTS,
PHENOMENON IN SEMI ARID AREAS. A CASE STUDY OF THE
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ABSTRACT

While enrollment is steadily increasing in Kenya, dropout rate continues to be high with over 50% Of the children, both boys and girls dropping out before completion Of primary cycle. Boys are marginally better than girls with 46.3%, completion compared to 45.8% of girls. Statistics indicate that the retention of girls have lagged behind that of boys in all Districts in Kenya.

Despite the fact that the government and the parents continue to invest heavily on education and lay emphasis on free primary education the problem still persist. The purpose of this study therefore, is to identify factors causing girls dropout of school in Makuyu Division. The study will be focused on the entire primary school cycle. It will be a survey study to analyze the occurrence of dropping pattern of primary school girls within Makuyu Division.

The study will be carried out in selected public schools in Makuyu division in Murang'a South District Central Province. Stratified random sampling technique will be used to select head teachers, students, parents/guardian and education officer. A questionnaire and four interview schedules will be the main tools to be used in data collection. The instrument will be administered in the field in few selected schools to check for the content validity and reliability of the research instrument.

Data analysis will be done by use of; Descriptive statistics, Correlation and Regression using Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS). This study is significance because it will provide the information on factors leading to high school dropouts and highlight on those schools which are seriously affected. The findings will bring to light factors leading to high school dropout in Makuyu Division and provide suggestions on how problems associated with high school dropout may be solved.

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