

**CAUSES OF SCHOOL DROPOUTS AMONG THE STUDENTS/PUPILS
IN SELECTED SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF
MULALA ZONE , MULALA LOCATION, NZAUI SUB-COUNTY,
MAKUENI COUNTY.**

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ABSTRACT

This study investigated causes of school dropout among pupils in selected primary schools, a case study of Mulala zone, Nzau district, Makueni County with the purpose of finding out the causes of school dropout among pupils in selected Primary schools of Mulala Zone. The place where this research was carried out was Mulala Zone, Nzau District in Makueni County. The population studied was 100 pupils in ten secondary schools. A simplified questionnaire was designed for the pupils / students to fill in. Findings showed that responses show that 62% of the respondents strongly agreed cultural beliefs and practices contribute to school dropout, 63% of the respondents strongly agree that family set up affects learners performance, 44% of their respondents strongly agreed to the response that peer pressure leads to school dropout and 50% of the respondents strongly agreed that government policy on education affects learners performance. Recommendations were also made like the government came up with policies of proving employment in order to reduce poverty levels in the county, parents and other stakeholders in education ought to do away with traditional rites and customs such as early child in order to reduce , if not avoid school dropout and guidance and counseling session should be carried.