

**EFFECTS OF DRUGS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE
AMONG SECONDARY SCHOOLS STUDENTS IN MUTOMO SUBCOUNTY, KITUI
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ABSTRACT

The aim of this study was to investigate the effects of drugs and substance abuse by students in academic performance. This achieved via a literature study and an empirical study. In the light of the findings certain significance which assisted , principals, head teachers, teachers, parents and the Ministry of Education planning and taking action in order to combat drug abuse and addiction amongst Secondary school students.

The Secondary school community had in the past and to a certain extent in the present not treated the increasing used of drugs as a priority. This could possibly be because of the many types of legitimate drugs that are available, and which are said to cure, prevent or slow down-diseases and enable people to live longer, healthier and happier lives. Antibiotics improved the treatment of infections and vaccines prevented the spread of diseases such as measles, while analgesics have lessened or eliminated pain. However, it may be the harmful and illegal drugs and substances abuse that parents and the community made aware of.

Illegal and harmful drugs infiltrated all levels of society, asking no name, title or gender. They came in many names and forms and they were negatively impacted on health, sanity, families and finally people's lives. The literature study found out that drugs and substance abuse affects the physical, Psychological (cognitive and affective), social and normative development of the Secondary school students in Academic performance. For the purpose of the empirical investigation, a self-structured Questionnaire for educators was utilized. The data obtained from the completed questionnaires was processed and analyzed by means of Descriptive statistics. The findings confirmed whether drugs and substance abuse had negative effects on the development of students in Academic Performance.