

**CAUSES OF HIGH INCIDENCE OF EXAMINATION MALPRACTICE
AMONG SECONDARY IN NAIROBI COUNTY.**

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Abstract

Examination malpractice is one of the greatest social menaces that have eaten deep into Kenyan educational system as well as other nations. The rate at which this academic dishonesty is growing is very alarming. The types of examination malpractices have been found to range from impersonation, various forms of collusion, spying and mutual exchange of materials, assault of invigilators and hiring of thugs to disrupt examinations. This paper examines the magnitude of examination malpractices in Nairobi County; the underlying causes of examination malpractices in Nairobi County, the environmental influences of examination malpractices in Nairobi County and the management strategies to stem the problem. In order to solve the problem of examination malpractices, a concerted social system approach is suggested. The sample consisted of 30 schools made up of 20 public and 10 private schools. The methods of selection were also by multi-stage and stratified random sampling techniques. The instrument used to collect data was an open ended and closed ended questionnaire while the data collected were analyzed using percentages, Person r Product Moment correlation and the t-test. The findings revealed that one major cause of examination malpractices in the schools was indiscipline among students that made many of them to be involved in examination malpractices. Other important causes include the non-implementation of the examination malpractices decree and the lack of effective supervision of students during examinations. It was recommended that concerted efforts should be made at improving the level of discipline among students through counseling services in the schools. There should be the full implementation of the examination malpractices decree. There should be increased efforts at effective supervision of students during examinations. The termination of appointment of examination officials and teachers involved in perpetrating examination malpractices should be in force to serve as a deterrent to others.