

**THE EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE ON ACADEMIC
PERFORMANCE IN PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS, A CASE
STUDY IN MASINGA SUB-COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

The main objective of this research is to identify the impacts of drugs and substance abuse in academic performance of students among public secondary school students in Masinga Sub-County. Research globally, on adolescent drug abuse revealed major trends and increase in substance abuse. It has impacted negatively on their academic and social life. Drug abuse impacts negatively on the academic, social psychological and physical development among the abusers. This study is aimed at establishing the perception of public secondary school students on drugs and substance abuse and how their perception can influence their behaviour towards drug abuse. Drug abuse is a major global problem. The study will be guided by social cognition theory by Albert Bandura (1986) which relates ones behaviour to the environment. In Masinga Sub-County students are dropping out from schools due to this menace. The study will be carried out in Masinga Sub-County, Machakos County. Purposive samplings will be used to select 10 schools and stratified random sampling to select the sample size of the student respondents. A representative sample will be randomly selected from form one to form four classes. A questionnaire will be used to get information from the student and the teacher respondents. Piloting will be done for the purpose of establishing the reliability and the construct validity of the instruments. The data obtained will be analyzed using descriptive and inferential statistics. The representation will be done through frequencies, tables, bar graphs, percentages and cross-tabulation.