

**A STUDY TO INVESTIGATE CAUSES OF TRUANCY IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN
GITHURAI ZONE**

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ABSTRACT

Research on the causes of truancy suggest that a range of factors such as poverty ,ethnicity ,the quality of relationship between students and teachers , the nature of the classroom environment among others impact on the students attendance In schools. This study investigates the causes of truancy in secondary schools within Githurai zone, Ruiru district, using a qualitative approach. The data was collected using questionnaires .some students had negative attitudes towards their own ability and lacked perseverance; others believed that lack of parental or family support impacted negatively on their attendance. Consistency with other studies on truancy this study found a range of influences such as lack of support from the community leaders, student's perceptions of their performance, the nature of the classroom and lifestyle factors. The study suggest that schools with teachers who understand and sympathize with the students situations will most effectively prevent truancy .Schools should work to put in place incentives to enable parents be effective partners in their children's education.