

**FACTORS CONTRUBITING TO SCHOOL DROPOUTS IN  
PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN NJABINI DIVISION,  
NYANDARUA COUNTY**

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## **ABSTRACT**

Secondary education in Kenya has expanded rapidly since independence, despite the unending setbacks to its access. The government of Kenya has always endeavoured to improve access to and retention of students in secondary schools but the problem of wastage through school dropouts has continued to persist. This study sought to establish the factors which contribute to dropouts in public secondary schools in Njabini Division.

This study aims at finding out the factors contribution to dropouts in public secondary schools and quantitative research was used to carry out the study. Primary data was collected through questionnaire where a sample of 14 different schools were selected randomly and purposively. The results were then analyzed and presented in percentages, tables and pie charts. The factors investigated included social economic factors, school related factors and family related factors.

It was found that, despite the government efforts to provide equal access for boys and girls, the latter are disadvantaged due to socio-economic, social-cultural, family issues and school based factors. The parents should be sensitized on the importance of education so that young generation can understand their role and involvement in their career life. The study found that girl child are the most victims of school dropout.