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**INVESTIGATION ON CAUSES OF SCHOOL DROPOUTS IN
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Abstract

School dropout is one of the greatest challenges in modern world today and especially in Kenya. Understanding this challenge remains a complex issue.

Susceptibility to this problem springs from many factors, but ignorance and denial keeps us away from discovering the facts about the problems and what needs to be done to help in this educational problem.

School drops leads to failure in social integration, and as a result diminishes a person's chance to achieve personal success in legally accepted field of activity. The prevention and reduction of this phenomenon are extremely difficult to achieve due to the high complexity of its causes. Research that has been carried out into this problem lead to conclusion that there is increase in the number of students facing school adjustment problems, and attempts to answer the question whether there is real increase in the number of dropouts or if the situation should be put down to a series of very different and complex factors. Identification and analysis of these factors will help reveal the action to be taken and eventually lead to a decrease and prevention of school dropout.