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**FACTORS AFFECTING ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN SECONDARY
SCHOOLS A CASE OF KITUI WEST SUB-COUNTY IN KITUI COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to investigate the factors which affect academic performance in secondary schools in Kitui West Sub-county .These factors are then regarded to affect performance in examinations at KCSE level .There is a need to guide the learner as to brighten their future and also how to be morally upright. This has enhanced the researcher to undertake the study of what is happening and the root cause.

The researcher questionnaire for collected data using a questionnaire for both teachers and principals. Other information was obtained from a DEO'S office , Kitui West sub-county.

It was observed that inadequate teaching and learning resources , inadequate staffing , physical infrastructure , school leadership and entry behaviour of the students affected academic performance hence poor KCSE results.

The researcher recommends that provision of adequate teaching/learning resources ,physical infrastructure , adequate teaching staffs , should be strengthened in schools .Principals should be capacity built on leadership skills. Also, entry behaviour of the learners should be given attention.

The study will be based on theories ; Psychosocial theory and Piaget and Kohlberg theory .The study is located in Kitui West sub-county .The selected method of data collection for the study is questionnaire. The researcher requests the school administration and instructional mass media for validity of research tools. The analysis of data is by use of inferential statistics presented in tabular form and graphically being embarked with alternative contingency type. The objective of

the study are ; to establish the relationship between teaching and learning resources and good KCSE performance ,to assess the relationship between physical infrastructure and academic performance ,to establish the relationship between school leadership and academic performance ,to investigate the relationship between staffing and academic performance ,and to find out the connection between entry behaviour of the students and academic performance.

The variable used include the dependent variable, independent variable, quantified and qualitative variable .The researcher highlights the references and appendences of the study .Finally the conclusion and recommendations ,research findings and discussion is well tabled.