

**CAUSES OF POOR PERFORMANCE OF BOYS
IN KISWAHILI IN KCPE NGOMENI DIVISION
KITUI COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to investigate causes of poor performance of boys in Kiswahili in KCPE in Ngomeni division, Kyuso district, Kitui County. The research sampled teachers, parents and boys who were the responses of the findings.

The research sample was randomly selected that involved class eight boys, Kiswahili class eight teachers and a few parents. Data collection instruments included questionnaires for teachers, parents and interview schedule for class eight boys.

The responses to the items of questionnaires were to be proved of disapproved by the findings of the interviews. The responses to the items of the questionnaires were tabulated and data organized through frequency tables, and percentages, bar graphs and pie-charts.

The findings indicated that there were more factors that influenced performance of boys in Kiswahili negatively compared to those influence it positively. The researcher study involved six teachers form KCPE schools, 24 parents and 180 pupils. It is hoped that the findings enabled all the stakeholders i.e. parents, government and policy makers be involved in improving boys performance not only in Kiswahili subject but also in other subjects. This will help boys to compete with girls in class work especially in Kiswahili.