

**EFFECTS OF STUDENTS' ABSENTEEISM ON THE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN  
SECONDARY SCHOOLS:  
A STUDY OF JUJA SUB-COUNTY**

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## ABSTRACT

The main objective of this study was to examine the effects of students' absenteeism on their academic performance. The study objectives were, to find out the effects of students' absenteeism on academic performance in secondary schools in Juja sub-county, to find out the influence of peer groups on absenteeism in secondary schools in Juja sub-county and to find out the strategies that can be employed to improve students' attendance in secondary schools in Juja sub-county. The study adopted a descriptive survey design to collect information. The target population was all public mixed day secondary schools in Juja sub-county, Kiambu County. The study used random sampling to obtain 100 students out of the target population and purposive sampling to get five counsellors/teachers and ten parents. The study instruments employed were questionnaires for the students and interview schedules for the key informants purposively sampled. The primary data collected was edited, coded and analyzed using basic descriptive statistics, frequencies and percentages. The data results were presented in frequency tables, and percentages. The study then came up with appropriate strategies to improve students' attendance in public secondary schools in Juja sub-county. This would assist the policy makers and government planners make the right decision.