

**FACTORS AFFECTING CHOICE OF GEOGRAPHY IN GROUP
THREE SUBJECTS AT SECONDARY SCHOOLS LEVEL
(Case Study Kirinyaga Central District)**

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Abstract

This study was aimed at establishing the factors influencing choice of optional subjects in group three at the end of form two in preparation for Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examination in kirinyaga central District. The idea behind carrying out this research was a result of continuous reading on reports released by Kenya National Examinations Council every year after K.C.S.E results are out. Also observing annual analysis in the district. The picture presented was that there was a great imbalance in enrolment in the different subjects. The main concern was on the low enrolment in Geography compared to History and Government and Christian Religious Education. Thus the need to investigate factors that influence choice of subjects in group three. Literature review was done to see what other people say about the topic. The study was carried out through survey method. Sampling of form three students in nine schools was done and information collected from them to represent the others. Questionnaires were administered to sampled form three students, teachers teaching group three subjects and principal. Available data on enrollment and performance was be studied. Once data is collected, it was analyzed and presented in tables, graphs, charts and also in descriptive form. Challenges are expected to be encountered. The independent variables considered were parents, teachers, career aspirations, peers as well as performance. Each variable affects the students' choice and awareness of optional subjects in group three and each interacts with most of other variables.

The data was analyzed and presented in form of tables and charts

A conclusion was arrived at and the recommendations were outlined and sugestions for further studies were given.