

**EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE ON THE PERFORMANCE OF STUDENTS IN
SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN KILUNGU DISTRICT, MAKUENI COUNTY -KENYA**

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study was to investigate the effect of drug abuse on the performance of students in secondary schools in Kilungu District, Makueni county –Kenya. The study used the following variables; parent modelling, parental social control and teachers' creation or maintenance of conducive school environment. In the study sample of (30%) of all secondary schools in Kilungu district were interviewed. The study used students questionnaire and teacher's interview schedule as instrument for data collection. The data collected was analyzed using both descriptive and inferential statistics. In this regard frequencies percentages and the pie charts were applied. The study took the form of ex-post-facto research design by exploring the state of affairs the way they exist among all the secondary school students in Kilungu district, Makueni county using Albert Bandura's social learning theory and piglet's theory as the theoretical framework to guide the study. The study findings from the study added more information to the current data base on drug use which will promote ways of combating the menace by school administrators and the general public. Based on the findings of the research, the study highlighted that learners who have abused drugs perform below average academically. From the findings of the research students who abuse drugs eg. cigarettes and bhang are is to have been contributed by peer pressure parental influence, poor role models by the parents and students curiosity during the adolescent stage to start abusing drugs. Schools are seen to take measures to control drug abuse and the measures include offering punishments, offering guidance and counselling to all the students and also withdrawal from the classes and suspension. The research concluded that students affected by drug abuse can perform well in academic if all control measures are put in place and this will help in improving their performance.