

**EFFECTS OF THE PARENTAL DIVORCE ON THE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. A STUDY OF KAYOLE SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN
NJIRU DISTRICT NAIROBI COUNTY (PERIOD OF 3 YEARS).**

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ABSTRACT

This research project was conducted to examine whether parental divorce affects academic performance of high school students in Kayole division. The total sample for the study consisted of 150 students drawn randomly from the five schools. Questionnaires were used to collect data and the data was analysed using bar graphs, pie chart and tables. In order to be able to conduct the research three objectives were formulated. The effects of divorce on academic performance of high school students, socioeconomic status of parents of students who come from divorced families and parental involvement of the divorced parents in their children's academic work. The results indicated that the students who came from divorced families do not perform well compared to those from intact families although there are few who come from divorced families and they perform well. The results also showed that the socioeconomic status of the divorced parents in this area is low hence poor performance of their children. Also the divorced parents were not fully involved in the academic performance of their children as the results indicated. It was recommended that these children be handled with care by the teachers as well as the society they should also be counseled by the school counselors. The researcher also recommended that students should be guided on how to handle such a situation if it arises though it is not easy with their age.