

**CAUSES OF SCHOOL DROPOUT S AMONG PUBLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL PUPILS IN MWINGI CENTRAL DISTRICT, KITUI COUNTY,
KENYA**

A RESEARCH REPORT

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ABSTRACT

The ever increasing rate of dropouts in Kenya and particularly Mwingi Central District primary schools is a great concern. It has negatively impacted on education in Kenya. The education system as well as the Kenyan society has over the years been affected in various ways.

Due to dropouts, many teachers are affected especially those who have recently graduated from colleges and are looking for employment, others are forced to transfer to other schools due to the drop in school enrolment. Such a situation creates social and unemployment problems in the society as breadwinners can no longer look after their families properly. Those individuals who loose jobs are negatively affected.

Furthermore, school dropouts became a liability of the society as they are not able to contribute maximally to nation building. In most cases these dropouts engage in antisocial and criminal activities. They also cause educational wastage in the form of resources.

For these reasons, it was of paramount importance to determine reasons for dropouts and establish the possible solutions to this national problem. To obtain the required information on causes and solutions for dropouts, the researcher used the qualitative research.

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