

**INVESTIGATION ON CAUSES OF POOR PERFORMANCE IN
MATHEMATICS AT MARIA IMMACULATA EDUCATION CENTRE**

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ABSTRACT

Mathematics is one of the subjects that are done poorly in Maria Immaculata secondary school. This problem is not a local problem affecting this school only but a national problem from primary level up to university level. Maria Immaculata is a girl's secondary school and one may conclude that the poor performance in the school is as a result of negative attitude by female learners. For many years Maria Immaculata has recorded poor performance both internal and national examination. The research was carried out to find out the causes of poor performance in mathematics. The objective of this research was to find reason why learners perform poorly in mathematics. The significance of the study is to help administration, teachers, the school, and all stakeholders to put measures in order to reverse the situation in the school. The research design used in the study is case study. The methods of acquiring data include use of questionnaire, direct observation, and interviews. The research analyzed the data collected and found that many learners perform poorly because of the attitude towards the subject. Teachers blamed poor performance on large classes .learners blame their performance on homework given and marking of the same work. Teachers experience and professional qualifications also play a major role in performance of mathematics. The research recommended various ways of enhancing performance among them instituting positive attitude to the student and teachers and adoption of teaching aids.