

**EFFECTS OF PARENTAL DIVORCE ON ACADEMIC  
PERFORMANCE OF LOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS IN  
MOYALE, MARSABIT COUNTY.**

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## **ABSTRACT**

Divorce by parents normally has diverse effects on children. These ranges from emotional to physical where children miss out on some basic needs particularly where they end up living with the parent who is not able to afford to maintain there earlier financial status. This research project was designed to find out the effect of parental divorce on academic performance of lower primary school pupils in Moyale, Marsabit County. To realize the purpose of the study, a survey design was adopted. Primary data was collected by use of observation schedule, interview schedule and questionnaires. The questionnaires contained both open ended and structured questions which targeted twenty teachers and two hundred pupils in lower primary school Moyale, Marsabit County. In addition numbers of observations were made to determine the academic performance of the children from divorced parents. The statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) was used for data processing and analysis. The processing and analysis involved computation of frequencies, percentages and means.

The study revealed that the pupils from divorced parents have behavior problem such as aggressiveness, withdrawal and loss of attention. It also showed that they suffered emotional outburst such as crying and most of them deteriorate in academic performance. Recommendation was that parents, teachers and caregivers should be well informed on the effect of divorce on children and therefore should find ways in which to mitigate the effect of divorce on a child. The government should also come out strongly and give its stand on what should be done by laying out clear policies on how the whole issue of divorce proceeding should be handled.