

**EFFECTS OF ABSENTEEISM ON ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE IN  
PRIMARY SCHOOLS: A CASE STUDY OF KISASI ZONE, KITUI  
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## **Abstract**

It's an uphill task to realize proper retention and completion of primary school education in Kenya if issues of absenteeism in Primary Schools are not well addressed. This research has comprehensively investigated effects of absenteeism on learning and performance of primary school children in Kisasi zone, Chuluni division of the newly created Kisasi district. The study aimed at pinpointing various effects of absenteeism, causes of absenteeism and intervention measures that can be taken to curb the menace of absenteeism on learners in primary schools. The study employed case study approach where random sampling, stratified and purposive sampling were used to sample subject of the study. Questionnaire and interview guides were used to elicit information which was analyzed using tables, bar graphs and pie charts.

The study finally recommended various interventions to be put in place to curb absenteeism in primary school to improve children learning and their performance. The study was also expected to give insight reference to policy makers, scholars and researchers in order to improve pupil attendance in schools.