

**TO INVESTIGATE THE CAUSES AND EFFECT OF CHANGES IN MORAL
VALUES AMONG SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN SELECTED
SECONDARY SCHOOL IN KANYEKI-INI LOCATION, KIRINYAGA
LOCATION.**

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ABSTRACT

This research study sought to determine the causes and effects of moral degradation among secondary school students. The case study of this thesis was Kanyeki-ini Location in Kirinyaga County from which a sample of 10 public schools were selected. A survey research design was used to carry out the study. The study used primary and secondary data. The primary data was collected using questionnaires, observation, checklists, Performance tests and interview guides. Secondary data consisted of report forms of students. Questionnaires included structured and unstructured questions and were Administered through drop-and-pick method to the head teachers. Observation checklists. Were used to help the researcher establish the conditions of the meals offered, as well as the facilities and equipment used to facilitate the programme. A schedule was used to interview Parents and cooks. Report forms of students for the last three school examinations were collected to help compare the performance of those in a well economically area with this area. Data collected was organized according to the population studied and Statistical Package for social Sciences (SPSS) was used to analyze it, using descriptive statistics. The study found that poor parenting, poverty, west culture invasion, political factors, modernization, peer influence and interaction at school are all to blame for the moral degradation among secondary school students in Kenya. This combination of factors are curable and therefore the researcher of this work proposes that all the stakeholders take charge of their responsibilities in order to realize a sane society and improve on the academic performance of the students