

**AN ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTS OF PARENT
INVOLVEMENT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF SECONDARY SCHOOL
STUDENTS IN GATANGA, MURANG'A COUNTY**

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Abstract

There are many factors that may be associated with poor performance by secondary school students. One of the main factors which is usually ignored and considered of low importance is parent involvement in students' academic activities. In many cases therefore, schools and other stakeholders in the education process have not considered parents as a major contributor to the education system except through paying of school fees. However, studies have shown that parents are actually a vital contributor to the performance of their children and therefore need to be involved not only through paying of school fees but also through involvement in the academic activities of their children.

This study seeks to understand what role parents play in the academic activities of their children and the effect of such involvement or lack of involvement in the academic performance of students. The study focuses on the secondary school students from Gatanga, Murang'a County.

In the study, a sample representative of the target population has been obtained and interviewed to collect data which has then be analyzed and conclusion s drawn from that data. The information gained is be used to draw conclusions on the effects of parent involvement on the performance of students in Gatanga, Murang'a County. Recommendations is also be given on the best way to address any gaps identified so as to ensure that all stakeholders in the academic process are involved so as to ensure that all drawbacks to expected performance are overcome.