

**EFFECTS OF DRUG ABUSE ON DISCIPLINE AND PERFORMANCE AMONG
SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN TETU SUB-COUNTY-NYERI COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

This research was carried out in Tetu Sub County. The primary aim of the study was to investigate the impact of drug abuse on discipline and performance in Tetu Sub County secondary schools. Discipline in our secondary schools has been a major worry among parents, teachers and the society at large. Cases of students burning schools, destroying property worth millions and worse still setting ablaze fellow students have been common in the recent past. The study sought to determine the influence of drug abuse on discipline in various schools. It meant to establish if there is any relationship between drug abuse and discipline in schools and find out possible effective means of curbing drug abuse in our schools and society at large. It aimed at educating people on the consequences of drug abuse. This study used the descriptive survey design to find out the impact of drug abuse on discipline in secondary schools in Tetu Sub County. Descriptive survey design was used in preliminary and exploratory studies to allow researchers to gather information. The study was carried out using descriptive survey. This is a research method through which data was collected from members of a population by use of a questionnaire, in order to determine the current status of that population with respect to one or more variables. Descriptive survey research was intended to produce statistical information about aspects of education that interest policy makers and educators. It became a self reporting study, which brought out quantifiable information from the sample. The researcher used Bandura's social cognitive theory. This is because the theory explains the reason as to why people abuse drugs and the impacts of such practices. The findings of the study were that drug abuse had direct impact on discipline and performance in secondary schools studied. Learners who abused drugs always performed below their academic abilities, were undisciplined and their school attendance records were poor. Causes of drug abuse included and not limited to early pregnancies, sexual immoralities and sexual infections, truancy as well as school drop-out. It was the conclusion of this study that teenagers and especially those in secondary schools tend to associate with actions they see on print and audio-visual media. Such actions seem 'sleek' and 'classy' and they emulate them. Many other factors also featured prominently and the ones the researcher deemed important to mention included parental aspects and the parenting styles, social environment, hopelessness and frustrations on the side of the students, strict home and school rules especially in defiant and truant students, curiosity that leads to experimentation and lack of wisdom and general knowledge