

**TO INVESTIGATE ON THE FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE THE CHOICE OF
SUBJECT AMONG SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN IKINU DIVISION OF
KIAMBU COUNTY**

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to examine the factors that influence form two boys and girls in their selection of subjects in Ikinu Division Kiambu County. Research questions were formulated to guide in the study and data collected from 60 student respondents. Findings revealed the students were provided with the necessary information concerning subject choices. The information was given by the teachers. It was also found out that gender did influence student's choice of subjects. Majority of the students agreed that there were subjects for girls and for boys. Student's respondents in their response showed that they believed that art based subjects were for girls while science based subjects were for boys.

Further findings revealed that guardian's level of education and occupation did not fully influence student's choice of subjects though some guardians influenced their children on what subjects to take since they were educated hence more aware of the needs of the job market which mostly determines what subjects are required. Students aspired career and level of education influenced their choices of subjects. Teachers also influenced the students on their choices. This is in the subjects they taught.

In the light of the research findings it was recommended that students should be provided with adequate information on the importance of the subjects that they study in schools. That there should be professionally trained career teacher-counsellor in all schools. It was recommended that there is need for involvement of parents in the education of their children