

FACTORS AFFECTING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN DAY SECONDARY SCHOOLS

(A CASE STUDY OF AMATU DAY SECONDARY SCHOOL)

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ABSTRACT

Day school secondary education has really helped ensuring even the poor have an access to education at their place of comfort. However, this system of schooling has faced a number of challenges, poor school attendance being one of them. This study will help in identifying various factors affecting school attendance in day secondary schools. The study will be carried out in Amatu, a School in Meru County, one of the county's in Kenya. The study will be descriptive research by use of survey. Descriptive research design is a scientific method which involves observing and describing the behavior of a subject without influencing it in any way. The data will be collected using questionnaires with open-ended questions to collect the general information, closed-ended questions to ensure that information collected is relevant to the problem statement. The method of using questionnaires to collect data is easy to collect large data at once, it is economical in terms of time, enhances objectivity, increases willingness to participate, helps focus on the subject under question. The data collected will be coded and classified after which frequencies will be done using statistical methods. The findings will then be presented in a variety of data presentation techniques. In order to guarantee validity and reliability of the instrument, as a researcher I will do a pre-test of the questionnaire by giving a draft of the questionnaire to few selected people from the targeted population to make sure that the instrument is working.