

**IMPACT OF THE SCHOOL BUDGET ON SECONDARY SCHOOLS
ADMINISTRATION IN MARAKWET WEST DISTRICT, KENYA**

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ABSTRACT

This study was carried out in Marakwet West District, Kenya to determine the impact of the school budget on secondary schools' administration. Tuition budget, activity budget, boarding budget, personal emolument budget and the challenges of budget administration exemplified the school budget while implementing and overseeing teaching, learning, purchases of games equipments, participation of students in extra curricular activities, provision of food, beds and dormitories for students as well as payment of workers salaries and allowances exemplified school administration. The study was intended to establish and recommend budgetary strategies and principles that could raise the state of secondary school administration in Marakwet west district. This was in view of the fact that inflation had risen over the years yet school budget had remained the same. The study was conducted through descriptive survey study design. Data was collected in July 2011 using a questionnaire and interview techniques from 16 heads of secondary schools purposively sampled from the accessible population. Document analysis on the schools was also done using records at the local education office. Analysis was done using descriptive statistics and presented in tables. The study established that the status of tuition budget, activity budget, boarding budget and personal emolument budget were each inadequate and affected negatively the school administration. The challenges of budget administration also affected school administration. The study concluded that the insufficient school budget impacted negatively on school administration in Marakwet west district. It recommends that the school budgetary allocation be increased and reviewed on yearly basis in order to take care of changing economic trends the researcher recommends that a study be carried out to determine the state of schools financial management. The study did not establish this, yet prudent financial management could enhance the administration of secondary schools.