

**FACTORS LEADING TO LOW RETENTION OF LEARNERS IN
PRIMARY SCHOOLS: A CASE STUDY OF STANDARD EIGHT
PUPILS IN KIANJAI PRIMARY SCHOOL IN KIANJAI EDUCATION
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Abstract

This study was undertaken to find out factors leading to low retention learners in std eight (8) in Kianjai primary school. Education needs to be emphasized to all children as it is the pillar and foundation of children's life. Education provides children with basic skills and knowledge and logic thinking. The study was conducted at Kianjai primary school, which is located in Kianjai zone Tigania west division Tigania west district. Through purposive sampling, thirty five children were chosen. Questioners, observation forms, oral and written interviews were used for data collection. Data was presented in form of pie charts and tables. Simple correlation was done to determine the relationship between variables.

From the study, children from low social economic status perform poorly and they end up dropping out school due to lack of basic needs like food, shelter, health care and clothing. Parents of low social economic status are not able to provide their families with balanced diet which leads to malnutrition and deficiency diseases. All these negative factors leads to poor performance leading to school drop out.

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