

**FACTORS INFLUENCING FORM TWO STUDENTS' CHOICE OF KCSE SUBJECTS
IN KAHURO SUB-COUNTY, KENYA**

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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 KCSE subjects in Kahuro sub County, Murang'a County. The study used a descriptive survey design targeting all the form two students from Kahuro Sub-County where simple random sampling was used to select 130 students. To achieve the objectives, the study utilized questionnaires for the students to collect data. Data was both qualitative and quantitative. Quantitative data collected was coded and entered into an SPSS programme for analysis. Qualitative data was put under themes consistent with the research objectives. Further findings revealed that guardians' 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. Boys and girls aspired career and level of education influenced their choices of KCSE subjects. Teachers also influenced the boys and girls on their choices. This is in the subjects they taught. In the light of the research findings it was recommended that boys and girls 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-counselor in all schools. It was recommended that there is need for involvement of parents in the education of their children.