

**IMPACT OF DRUG ABUSE ON ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE
IN NORTH KINANGOP DIVISION IN NYANDARUA
SOUTH DISTRICT**

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ABSTRACT

The main purpose of the study was to find out the impact of drug abuse on academic performance in North Kinangop Division in Nyandarua south district. The study is aimed to enlighten teachers, parents, administrators and society at large on how to share the problem of drug and substance abuse in North Kinangop division. The objective of this study were to find out factors contributing to abuse of drugs by secondary school students in North Kinangop division, to determine the effects of drug abuse on performance and determine the intervention measures to be put in place to prevent drug abuse by secondary school students in North Kinangop division. The literature review is to carry out the study in public secondary schools on impact of drugs abuse on academic performance in North Kinangop division. The researcher researched on drug abuse, effects on drugs abuse, and theories in drug abuse, interventions to prevent drugs abuse and how government would combat drug abuse. The theory of study was guided by behaviorism theory of operant conditioning. The theory was meant to aid in the rehabilitation of drug abuse and promotes better understanding on why use and abuse of drugs is such a massive problem in many countries. In the study the researcher used questionnaire and interview guide as instruments of data collection. The researcher used this tool because it is convenient, genuine, accurate and advantageous according to the one carrying out the research. The research design the researcher used was survey design of quantities approach. The target population was teachers, parents and students in North Kinangop division. Twenty teachers, parents and students were selected from 10 secondary schools using simple random sampling to students and teachers while in parents used purposive sampling. The study revealed the impact of drug abuse on academic performance in North Kinangop division.