

**EFFECTS OF DRUG AND SUSTANCE ABUSE ON ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE
IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN KANGUNDO COUNTY.**

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ABSTRACT

Drug abuse is becoming an increasing problem in Kenya. A number of studies carried out in the country show that almost every Kenyan youngster at one time or another experiments with drugs, especially beer and cigarettes. The major cause of concern is that a significant proportion of these young people eventually get addicted posing a threat to their own health and safety, while creating difficulties for their families and the public at large into difficulties. This study sought to establish the current trend of drug abuse among students in Kenyan secondary schools, and to analyze the strategies used to address the problem. The ultimate aim was to propose a programme for prevention and intervention.

The main purpose of the study was to investigate the effects of drug abuse that influence the academic performance of the learners in high schools, in Kangundo Division in Machakos District.

Survey design was used for the research study. In addition, the research incorporated both qualitative and /quantitative research, which led to the quality report of the analysis.

Both qualitative and quantitative approaches were used in data analysis, thus there was a mixed model research design approach to data analysis. The analysis of structured items was mainly done using Microsoft Excel program.

Some of the major findings by the research work was that abuse of drugs in schools is rampant and has led to serious academic effects. The researcher found out that the students who engage in drug abuse activity lack proper guidance from both parents and teachers both parties don't work hand in hand to stop the problem.

The researcher recommends that youth should be given attention and they should be enlightened on drug abuse, its effects or academic performance.