

**PRIVATE HOSTELS AND THEIR EFFECT ON
STUDENTS' DISCIPLINE IN SECONDARY
SCHOOLS IN MBALE MUNICIPALITY**

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ABSTRACT

This study was about private Hostels and their effect on students' Discipline in secondary schools in Mbale district, taking a case study of Mbale Municipality. The status of private hostels is exigent enough to arouse intellectual curiosity. It has not yet received adequate scholarly attention though, since it's a new phenomenon. The study was carried out as result of an out cry from the stakeholders of education about discipline in Mbale district and over the type of control mechanism being employed by hostel owners and managers which yield inappropriate discipline amongst secondary school students who reside in their hostels. It's on the basis of this background that makes it an interesting and wanting area of research. It's owing to this need that the present researcher was prompted to undertake and study the effect of private hostels on student's discipline in secondary schools in Mbale Municipality, after observing rampant immoral activities such as students' riots, strikes, intoxication, fornication, and etcetera.

The study therefore identified the relationship in discipline between secondary school students in hostels and their colleagues not in hostels, examined the pattern of discipline among students in the hostels, assessed the state of amenities in the existing private hostels as well as identifying appropriate