

An Analysis of Dropout Rate among Secondary School Student in Delta State, Nigeria (1999-2005)

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ABSTRACT The focus of this study was to analyze the rate of dropout among secondary school students in Delta State between 1999-2005. Its objective was to establish the magnitude of occurrence. It was a survey study based on an ex-post facto design. Two research questions were raised and answered. The population of the study consisted of all the students enrolled into the 260 public secondary schools in Delta State who could not complete their course of study before leaving school. The sample of 120 students who were withdrawn from secondary schools were randomly selected from the 25 Local Government Areas of Delta State. The instrument used in gathering data comprised a structured questionnaire and checklist. Data were analyzed using frequency, statistical mean and percentages. It was found in the study that the students dropping out of school was a common phenomenon in all the State's secondary schools. The rate of dropouts was higher among male students than female students.