

Documentation file for Data and Program corresponding to paper titled:
“Peer Effects, Teacher Incentives, and the Impact of Tracking: Evidence from a
Randomized Evaluation in Kenya”

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Datasets

There are three datasets.

1. “`Student_test_data.dta`” is the main dataset. It is in wide format (one observation per student). It includes baseline characteristics of the students, their test scores at both the endline (fall 2006) and long-term follow-up (fall 2007) tests, and the “treatment” dummies – whether the school was sampled for “Tracking”, whether the student was assigned to the Contract Teacher, etc.
2. “`Student_pres_data.dta`” is the dataset that contains the presence data for students (presence during surprise visits organized by research team). It is in long format (multiple observations per student, each observation corresponding to a student-visit). The dataset also includes the baseline characteristics of the students, and the “treatment” dummies.
3. “`Teacher_pres_data.dta`” is the dataset that contains the presence data for teachers (presence during surprise visits organized by research team). It is in long format (multiple observations per teacher, each observation corresponding to a student-visit). The dataset also includes the baseline characteristics of the teachers, and the “treatment” dummies.

Do File

The file called “`analysis.do`” uses the datasets to create the tables and figures in the paper.