



## **POLICY ISSUES AND CHALLENGES ON GIRL-CHILD ENROLMENT AND DETENTION IN NORTHERN NIGERIA**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Education is a process of learning throughout human life, a girl-child is not exceptional, it provides girl child self-confidence and self-esteem, to attain good leadership skill, provides excellent child upbringing in terms of marriage and in general maintain good relationship with wider society. Therefore, this paper critically explored and reviewed related literatures on girl child education, the concepts of education, the challenges of girl child in attainment of education in northern Nigeria, significance of girl child education, strategic ways to improve girl child education and conclusion on the solutions of girl child education were exhaustibly discussed. Thus, based on the discussions, some of the recommendations were drawn, amongst which were that educational policies need to be reviewed periodically through effective evaluation, to monitor and to implement policy strategies that would influence girl child education at all institutions of education, the Ministry of Education should create awareness to all education stakeholders on the importance of girl child education in the country in the North, and there should be further in-depth research on the educational policies that would balance in designing a curriculum that covers the interest of the girl child for motivation.

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