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DEO roots for guidance and counselling in schools

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MBALE. As the new term begins, teachers in rural schools have been called upon to instill a reading culture among learners in a bid to improve academic standards.

The district education officer, Mr Mike Nangosya, asked the teachers to intensify guidance and counselling sessions geared towards instilling both discipline and a reading culture in schools.

"Good academic standards have continued to elude rural government schools. Traditional secondary schools like Nabumali High School, Masaba SSS, Bukedi College Kachonga, Tororo College and Manjasi High School among others, have all declined in academics partly because of failure by the schools to guide and counsel students. As the new term begins, we must strive to instill a reading culture alongside discipline in order to register good results," he said.

Mr Nangosya was on Tuesday speaking to *Daily Monitor* about the importance of guidance and counselling in schools. He urged teachers to cultivate interest from students and positive attitude towards vocational training and practical subjects that provide skills for self-employment.

He also urged school administrators to be responsive to the students, parents, teachers' complaints and not to allow the complaints to accumulate and translate into strikes which they can't prevent.