

Search ERIC for Education and Counseling Research

ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center) has been provided by the US government since 1966 to help teachers and other school professionals do research in all areas of education, as well as for counseling issues concerning children and students.

What can you find by searching ERIC?

- **Scholarly journal articles**, the most credible information for your research. An ERIC result with a code number of EJ plus six digits indicates a scholarly journal article, such as EJ405607
- **ERIC Documents**, which include curriculum guides, instructional materials, research reports, opinion papers, conference proceedings, project/program descriptions, bibliographies, tests, measurement instruments, and information on current 'hot topics' in education. Most ERIC documents starting 1993 are online in full-text. An ERIC result with a code number of ED plus six digits indicates an ERIC document, such as ED600302
- **ERIC Digests**: overviews of popular research topics in education, often including literature reviews and bibliographies. Great for starting your research!
- **ERIC Citations**: almost 1 million citations from 2000 educational journals back to 1966
- **Lesson plans and more**, including weblinks, and frequently-answered research questions

How can you see tutorials to help search ERIC effectively?

- On the page <http://eric.ed.gov/> click Tutorials in the right column to go to animated video tutorials for specific ERIC search skills
- **NOTE**: results on the ERIC public website will not have full-text for EJ (ERIC Journal) results. For the possible full-text of an EJ result, search Wilson Select Plus and EBSCOHost databases in the CCOL. See section below "Where can you search ERIC?" for more info on this!

Where can you search ERIC?

Keep in mind that there are two types of ERIC results, full-text and citation-only. You are far more likely to find full-text results by searching ERIC in the **Cambridge College Online Library** (CCOL) at <http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/>

In the CCOL, click eglobalSearch. Search results will include full-text of ERIC results from those databases in the eglobalSearch (click Advanced Search to see the list.)

You can also search ERIC within EBSCOhost, for more full-text results, because some of our full-text databases are not in eglobalSearch. Be sure to do this if your topic might be related to medical, health, or psychology!

In the CCOL:

- on the “Welcome to e-global Library” opening page, click Research Databases from the menu on the left
- click EBSCOHost
- For maximum full-text, on the opening “Choose Databases” page of EBSCOHost:
 - check the box for ERIC
 - keep the box “Academic Search Premier” checked
 - check all other databases relevant to your search, such as PsycInfo or HealthSource:Nursing

On the regular internet:

- **ERIC Database** is at <http://www.eric.ed.gov/> **but** if you search from this link, **you will not get** hundreds of thousands of full-text journal article results which are only available when you search ERIC from inside our Cambridge College Online Library. However, it is easier to search by ED code number from this site
- **The Educator’s Reference Desk** does not provide scholarly articles, but does provide 2,000+ lesson plans, 3,000+ links to online education information, and 200+ question archive responses. It is at <http://www.eduref.org/>

If the article is not in full-text in EBSCOHost or Wilson Select Plus:

- Many scholars now put their articles on their websites, so if it is not in full-text in EBSCOhost or Wilson, use Google Scholar at <http://scholar.google.com/> to search by the author’s name and title. Use quote marks, as in
“Jane Smith” “Improving Reading Ability”
If that doesn’t work, try author’s name only
- If the full-text is not on the regular internet, go to the citation-only result in EBSCOHost and click “Libraries Worldwide,” or go to the citation-only result in Wilson and click “Check Local Libraries.” Either link will tell you which local library near you has the print version of the journal which contains the article

NOTE: Traditional libraries that have complete ERIC microfiche collections, such as Gutman Library at Harvard, will have the pre-1993 ERIC Documents in full-text as well as many 1993+ documents that were not placed online due to copyright issues.

For further information about finding full-text when you get citation-only results, please see the “How to Use CCOL Handbook.”

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