

Edd/Educational Leadership Resources in CCOL and Web

This handout identifies the most helpful resources for Educational Leadership and EdD level research.

Please see “Education Resources in General in CCOL and Web” in the Education section of http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/ccol_research.cfm

Only use the Internet Explorer or Safari browsers. Other browsers may not work in CCOL.

For the most effective searches at the EdD level

The “Search here for Education” search box on the CCOL home page, which searches all our databases through the EBSCOHost interface, is very convenient for a quick search, but it has some limitations that EdD students should avoid. The reason is that three of our databases and one periodical will not work fully when searched through EBSCOHost.

These three databases and one periodical should be searched directly from the *Direct to Databases* page:

- *Ebrary Electronic Books*
- *Wilson OmniFile Full Text, Select Edition*
- *Proquest Dissertations and Theses Abstracts*
- *Journal of Cases in Educational Leadership*

Proquest Dissertations and Theses Abstracts has the ***abstracts only*** of all US dissertations. To see the full-text from 1993, plus random earlier dissertations, go to Gutman Library which has the full-text version of this database. In Gutman, you will be able to download the full-text to a flash drive or email it to yourself.

When you return home, check with the local traditional academic libraries in your area to see if any have the full-text database available to the public. If none is available and you need a copy of a dissertation, it can be purchased at your expense from www.lib.umich.edu/mits

Wilson OmniFile Full Text, Select Edition database has many important education and other relevant journals in full-text. .

Ebrary Electronic Books has more than 53,000 full-text recent academic books:

- Ebrary includes 1022 books on “Theory and Practice of Education”
- Search by Title is most effective, then find good subject terms in the results
- For instructions, see the “How to Use CCOL Handbook” on <http://www.cambridgecollege.edu/library/instructions.cfm>

Saving results

Results from EBSCOHost searches can be saved in a MyEBSCOHost folder. For instructions, see the “How to Use CCOL Handbook” section “EBSCOHost Find It Fast: Using My EBSCOHost Folders to save articles you like and more.”

Results from Wilson OmniFile Full Text, Select Edition; Ebrary Electronic Books; and Proquest Dissertations and Theses Abstracts will ONLY go into an EBSCOHost folder entitled “Other Content Sources” which is found in the left column of the Folder page.

Ebrary Electronic Books results, including your notes and highlighting, can be saved in the Bookshelf feature of Ebrary. For instructions, see the “How to Use CCOL Handbook” section on Ebrary Electronic Books.

Journal, document, book, and periodicals in CCOL

On the CCOL HOME page, the *Search here for Education* search box will search these databases:

- Academic Search Premier
- Wilson OmniFile Select Full Text Edition
- Education Research Complete
- ERIC
- PsycArticles
- PsycBooks
- PsycExtra
- PsycInfo
- Research Starters in Education
- SocIndex with Full Text
- Health Source Nursing/Academic Edition
- Ebrary
- CINAHL with Full Text

Research Starters in Education

“Research Starters are study and research guides...They consist of comprehensive, yet concise topic summary articles of about 3,000 words in length written by researchers, scholars and other subject matter experts.” Use the Research Starters to explore topics and get your research started.

- On the CCOL HOME page, click *Direct to Databases*
- Click *EBSCOHost*
- Click *Databases A-Z*
- Scroll down and click on the title *Research Starters in Education*
- Put a term in the search box and click Search. For example:
 - There are 31 articles on “education reform”
 - There are 190 articles on “educational leadership”

- There are 42 articles on “multicultural education”

Ebrary Electronic Books in CCOL

To search for education books in the Ebrary Electronic Books collection:

- From the CCOL HOME page, click Direct to Databases
- Click Ebrary Electronic Books
- Click Advanced (to the right of the “Search Ebrary” box)
- Use the drop-down menu of the “Search in” box to search by subject (or title, author, etc.)

For example,

- a search in *SUBJECT* for *Educational Leadership* had 55 results
- a search in *SUBJECT* for *Educational Change* had 111 results
- a search in *SUBJECT* for *Educational Planning* had 17 results
- a search in *TITLE* for **Dissertation** had four results of how-to books on writing the dissertation

Research Guides in CCOL

The E-Global Research Guides will help you develop a search strategy and then find your way among the best books, periodicals, associations, government resources, and Internet sites on your topic. To see the Research Guides:

- Click *Research Starters by Subject* from the CCOL HOME page
- Click *e-global Research Guides*
- Click *Social Sciences* then click for Research Guides in Education Administration and Adult Learning
- Click *Business* for Research Guides in Business Communications, Project Management, Event Planning, Finance, Human Resource Management, Negotiation and Conflict Management

Tutorials on how to do education research

Policy Maker’s Primer on Education Research: How to Understand, Evaluate, and Use It
<http://www.ecs.org/html/educationissues/research/primer/aboutprimer.asp>

Education Research Methods Tutorial
<http://library.albany.edu/subject/tutorials/education/>

Research Methods in the Social and Natural Sciences
http://www.mcli.dist.maricopa.edu/proj/res_meth/index.html

How to do statistical research tutorial
<http://www.library.american.edu/Help/tutorials/stats/index.html>

Recommended Websites

Although not from scholarly journals, useful information can be found on the web. Most of these sites come highly recommended from a national survey of reference librarians.

Note: websites can change and disappear at any time! If the URL doesn't work, try putting the name of the site into Google.

Education Subject Library Guides – for each topic, click Websites

<http://libguides.gvsu.edu/content.php?pid=2146&sid=10459>

Education Commission of the States (facilitates communication among educational leaders).

<http://www.ecs.org/>

Online Instructional Resources for University Instructors <http://fod.msu.edu/OIR/index.asp>

Discovery Education site for administrators

http://www.discoveryeducation.com/administrators/index.cfm?campaign=footer_admin

Teacher Evaluation in Public Education <http://www.educationsector.org/publications/rush-judgment-teacher-evaluation-public-education>

Issues http://www.educationsector.org/issues/issues_list.htm?attrib_id=16022

Education Policy and Practice links <http://libguides.gvsu.edu/content.php?pid=9891&sid=72685>

Curriculum Leadership Institute <http://www.cliweb.org/>

Database of State Policy Developments

http://www.ecs.org/ecsmain.asp?page=/html/aboutECS/home_aboutECS.htm

Research Studies Database (digests of info that educational leaders need)

http://www.ecs.org/ecsmain.asp?page=/html/aboutECS/home_aboutECS.htm

State policies on major issues

http://www.ecs.org/ecsmain.asp?page=/html/aboutECS/home_aboutECS.htm

“Handbook of Doctoral Programs: Issues and Challenges

<http://www.merlot.org/merlot/viewMaterial.htm?id=442497>

Multimedia Resources for Learning and Teaching

<http://www.merlot.org/merlot/materials.htm?community=&category=&keywords=educational+leadership>

Legal information

Education Law <http://topics.law.cornell.edu/wex/Education>

Public school teachers' legal rights info

<http://www.nrtw.org/about-your-legal-rights-public-school-teacher-or-college-professor>

Education Law Association <http://educationlaw.org/index.php>

National School Boards Assn on School Law <http://www.nsba.org/SchoolLaw>

US Dept of Education on Legislation <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/edpicks.jhtml>

Special Education and law <http://www.wrightslaw.com/>

Center for Education and Employment Law <http://www.ceelonline.com/ceel/default.asp>

Dictionaries

See the Glossaries section of <http://libguides.gvsu.edu/content.php?pid=9888>

Glossary of terms used in social science research

<http://www.researchconnections.org/childcare/research-glossary>

Academic Standards by State

Academic standards by state <http://www.jesandco.net/asn/viewer/>

Statistics and demographics

50 State Report on Opportunity to Learn in America <http://www.otlstatereport.org/>

National Center for Education Statistics <http://nces.ed.gov>

State and county departments of education website, such as Massachusetts Department of

Education at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/>

Education Week's annual report on state-level efforts to improve public education
<http://www.edweek.org/ew/qc/index.html>

Associations

Association of Inspiring Teachers <http://www.inspiringteachers.com/>

American Association of School Administrators <http://www.aasa.org/>

American Association of School Personnel Administrators <http://www.aaspa.org/>

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development <http://www.ascd.org/Default.aspx>

National Association for Elementary School Principals <http://www.naesp.org/>

School Leadership Division of the American Educational Research Association
http://www.aera.net/divisions/Default.aspx?menu_id=64&id=66

Need Opinions or Interview or Survey Respondents?

These are results from the Google search "education forums"

<http://education-forums.com/>

<http://chronicle.com/forums/>

Video and Audio Podcasts

Video can be a powerful tool to supplement your lessons. Use these video sites for inspiration for yourself or to use in the classroom.

Teacher Tube –videos made for educators

<http://www1.teachertube.com/googleSearch.php?cx=012339422634307447803%3Ah-vlw-wg9yy&cof=FORID%3A11&ie=UTF-8&q=educational+leadership&sa=Search>

TED Talks on education <http://www.ted.com/search?q=education>

PBS Teacher's resources

<http://www.pbs.org/teachers/search/resources/?q=educational+leadership&x=43&y=7>

Youtube on "educational leadership"

http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=educational+leadership&aq=f

Do You Need Books to Expand Your Research?

Google Books at <http://books.google.com> is amazing!

- Be sure to search it for your subject area!
- Click "Advanced Book Search" and check "Full View Only" to limit the search to full-text results
- "PartialView" can also provide plenty of full-text

<http://www.amazon.com> or <http://www.bn.com> Use these easy search engine to get lists of books on your topic and to read excerpts, but try to get the books from your local library or buy from your local independent bookstore. Or, buy a less expensive used copy from an online independent bookstore at <http://www.bookfinder.com>

If you can't find what you need or you need more, ask yourself:

Who would care about this topic?

Where would they publish what they know?