

# EDUCATION RESEARCH GUIDE

## Electronic Sources

The sources listed below have been compiled for students as a starting point for conducting research on the World Wide Web and through subscription databases. Students are encouraged to continue their research using the print resources beginning on page four and others that can be located via our online catalog (WebCat.)



## Databases:

### **Academic Search Premier**

This multi-disciplinary database (covering many subjects) offers abstracts and full-text articles from thousands of magazines as well as scholarly publications; many are peer-reviewed.

### **CQ Researcher**

Provides lengthy reports on current issues in the news (in some cases dating back to 1991) including “social trends, criminal justice, international affairs, education, the environment, technology, and the economy.”

### **Education Research Complete**

Education Research Complete offers the world's largest and most complete collection of full text education journals. Education Research Complete also covers areas of curriculum instruction as well as administration, policy, funding, and related social issues.

### **ERIC**

ERIC, searchable either through Ebscohost or <http://www.eric.ed.gov/>, provides access to more than 1.2 million bibliographic records of journal articles and other education-related materials and, if available, includes links to full text digests and “ERIC Documents”. ERIC is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences (IES). If the description says, “This title is held locally,” it may be on microfiche in the library. (Ask for assistance at the front desk.) ERIC journals that are not available full-text may be requested through Inter-Library Loan via a link in the databases or by filling out a request form online. <http://www.wilmcoll.edu/library/illrequest.html>

### **Access Library Electronic Journals**

Easy access to the entire Wilmington College Library electronic journal collection.

### **MasterFILE Premier**

While less scholarly than Academic Search Premier, this multi-disciplinary database offers biographies, book reviews, news and magazine articles and some journal articles. Materials are collected from a variety of sources such as reference books, biographies, primary source documents, and “an Image Collection of 202,164 photos, maps and flags.”

### **Mental Measurements Yearbook**

MMY provides quick access to information on tests and reviews in both education and psychology. Original content created by the well known Buros Institute. (Print editions are located in the reference section.)

### **Middle Search Plus**

A unique resource offering material geared toward junior high and middle school students, generally popular in nature. It contains a mixture of sources similar to MasterFile Premier. Reading levels are assigned for full-text articles.

### **Primary Search**

Intended for the elementary school audience, reading levels are also offered for this “popular material” database. Full-text articles from dozens of magazines are available.

### **SocINDEX**

A sociology database covering subjects such as; human society, social relations, institutions, and behavior. Content includes research articles, conference proceedings, and full text books.

## *Internet Research*

**Note: When conducting research on the Internet, it will be helpful to consider a few points.**

- The Internet is full of information that is not scholarly, updated, and/or unbiased.
- Use domain searching (.edu, .gov, .org.) to improve the quality of your searches. You can focus Internet searches by using the advanced features of search engines such as Google or Yahoo.
- Consider the source carefully (determine who wrote, gathered, or sponsored the page or information.)
- Try to determine if the information is current by looking for a date when the site was created or updated.
- You should be somewhat skeptical of sites that contain a lot of advertising for products or services.

### *Selected Websites:*

<http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/bluewebn/>

Blue Web'N is a website dedicated to online learning. There are close to 2,000 well-organized links divided into content areas such as education, science, and business.

<http://www.col-ed.org/>

The Columbia Education Center is a non-profit organization focused on science, math, technology, and the environment. Highlights include teacher resources ([http://www.col-ed.org/resource\\_page.html](http://www.col-ed.org/resource_page.html)), lesson plans, and web activities.

<http://www.edhelper.com/>

Edhelper.com offers an abundance of lesson plans on subjects such as math, science, vocabulary, and health.

<http://www.educationindex.com/>

Education Index is a commercial service providing links to nearly 3,000 education resources divided by subject [http://www.educationindex.com/education\\_resources.html](http://www.educationindex.com/education_resources.html) or uniquely by stage of life (primary, secondary, college, graduate, distance, etc.)

<http://www.education-world.com/>

Education World is another excellent commercial site that offers “free only” links and resources for teachers. Their site is extensive and is divided into sections such as subject guides, article archives, a reference area, a quick research center, web site reviews, and world resources (divided by continent.)

A valuable link on this site is to National and State standards. <http://www.education-world.com/standards/>

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

The Educator's Reference Desk is sponsored by the Information Institute of Syracuse and offers lesson plans, links to Internet sites, and a topical resource guide.

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/IAED/>

International Archive of Education Data

Sponsored by the NCES, (The National Center for Education Statistics) data is collected from countries, states, and local institutions on a variety of education related topics.

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

Reading Online is "A journal of K-12 research published by the International Reading Association." They offer peer-reviewed journal articles, both current and archived since 1997.

<http://teacherline.pbs.org/teacherline/resources/links.cfm/>

PBS TeacherLine sponsors this page with links to discipline specific materials.

<http://teachnet.org/>

Teachers Network is a site with some unique resources especially for new teachers such as: lesson plans by subject and grade level, free streaming videos of "successful teaching strategies," self guided online courses, a new teacher resources area, a "how to" section, and a bulletin board area to post a question to online mentors.

<http://www2.lib.udel.edu/subj/educ/>

The University of Delaware's "Resources for Education" site lists education related Internet sites and research guides.

### ***Selected U.S. Government Web Sites***

The United States federal government gathers tremendous amounts of information and statistics on a wide array of subjects. The Websites below are excellent places to start searching for education information on the World Wide Web.

<http://www.free.ed.gov/>

The Department of Education's site "collects teaching and learning resources from more than 30 Federal agencies." Topics include science, math, history, and language arts.

<http://www.eric.ed.gov/>

ERIC (Education Resources Information Center) offers over 100,000 full-text documents and approximately 1.2 million citations with an advanced search interface similar to EBSCOhost. A useful feature is the browsable Thesaurus which easily links terms or topics to the database for immediate searching.

[www.nifl.gov/partnershipforreading/](http://www.nifl.gov/partnershipforreading/)

"The Partnership for Reading is a collaborative effort by three federal agencies...to bring the findings of evidence-based reading research to the educational community..." The site has a searchable "Evidence-Based Research" database at <http://www.nifl.gov/cgi-bin/pfr/search.cgi>. Other noteworthy sections include: Publications, and Facts and Statistics.

### *Sources of Statistics:*

<http://nces.ed.gov/>

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is the "primary federal entity for collecting and analyzing data that are related to education in the United States and other nations." The site has an A-Z subject index as well as a search feature to help you locate statistics.

### *Other Internet sites:*

<http://www.acronymfinder.com/>

Look up any acronym or abbreviation.

<http://www2.nea.org/he/almanac.html>

The Almanac of Higher Education explores issues important to teachers in higher education.

<http://www.apa.org/science/faq-findtests.html>

APA Testing and Assessment. How to find information about psychological tests.

<http://www.edstandards.org/Standards.html>

Developing Educational Standards. Links by subject area or locale.

<http://www.unl.edu/buros>

Click on "Instructional Resources" to learn about Test's in Print and Mental Measurements Yearbook. Search for test reviews alphabetically or by subject at the following page (<http://buros.unl.edu/buros/jsp/search.jsp>).

<http://www.whatworks.ed.gov/>

What Works Clearinghouse collects information about studies on the "effectiveness of educational interventions.

### **Print Sources**

#### ***DICTIONARIES AND THESAURI***

DICTIONARY OF MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION.	REF LC1099 .D53 1997
DICTIONARY OF READING AND RELATED TERMS.	REF LB1049.98 .D53 1981
DICTIONARY OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TERMS.	REF LC3957 .M66 1980
FACTS ON FILE DICTIONARY OF EDUCATION.	REF LB15 .S43 1988
GREENWOOD DICTIONARY OF EDUCATION.	REF LB15 .G68 2003
HISTORICAL DICTIONARY OF SCHOOL SEGREGATION AND DESEGREGATION.	REF LC212.52 .R34 1998
THESAURUS OF ERIC DESCRIPTORS. (Available in ERIC database)	REF LB15 .E3 2001
THESAURUS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL INDEX TERMS. 6 <sup>th</sup> ed.	REF Z695.1 .P7 T48 1994

WEBSTER'S ELEMENTARY DICTIONARY.

REF PE1628.5 .W385 1986

### ***DIRECTORIES***

ACRL DIRECTORY OF CURRICULUM MATERIALS  
CENTERS, 1990.

REF Z675 .P3 O84 1990

ALTERNATIVE TEACHER CERTIFICATION:  
A STATE-BY-STATE ANALYSIS, 1993-1994.

REF LB1771 .F45 1993

AMERICAN MEN AND WOMEN OF SCIENCE:  
SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES.

REF Q141 .A47x 1978

BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN  
EDUCATORS.

REF LA2311 .B54 1978

TEACHER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS  
IN ALL FIFTY STATES, 2001-2002.

REF LB1771 .B69 2001

### ***ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND ALMANACS***

ALMANAC OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

REF LA226 .A556 1995

AMERICAN EDUCATOR'S ENCYCLOPEDIA.

REF LB15 .D37 1991

CYCLOPEDIA OF EDUCATION.

REF LB15 .M7 1911-1913

EDUCATION AND SOCIOLOGY: AN ENCYCLOPEDIA.

REF LC189.95 E 38 2002

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ADOLESCENCE.

REF HQ796 .E58 1990

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN EDUCATION.

REF LB17 .U54 2001

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF EARLY CHILDHOOD  
EDUCATION.

REF LB1139.25 .E53 1992

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF EDUCATION.

REF LB15 .E47 2003

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF EDUCATIONAL  
RESEARCH. 6<sup>th</sup> ed.

REF LB15 .E48 1992

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HUMAN INTELLIGENCE.

REF BF431 .E59 1994

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF LEARNING AND MEMORY.

REF BF318 .E53 1992

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION  
AND SUPERVISION.

REF LB2805 .E53 1988

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SPECIAL EDUCATION.

REF LC4007 .E53 2002

GALE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CHILDHOOD  
& ADOLESCENCE.

REFHQ772 .G27 1998

INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF EDUCATION.	REF LB15 .I569 1994
INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HIGHER EDUCATION.	REF LB15 .I57 1978
LITERACY IN AMERICA: AN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HISTORY, THEORY, AND PRACTICE.	REF LC151 .L487 2002
WORLD EDUCATION ENCYCLOPEDIA.	REF LB15 .W87 1988

### ***GUIDES***

CORE LIST OF BOOKS AND JOURNALS IN EDUCATION.	REF Z5811 .C798 1991
EDUCATION: A GUIDE TO REFERENCE AND INFORMATION SOURCES.	REF Z5811 .B89 1999
GUIDE TO SOURCES OF EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION.	REF Z5811 .W651982
MULTICULTURALISM IN ACADEME: A SOURCE BOOK.	REF LB2361.5 .M67 1996
PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATORS.	REF Z675 .P3 W55 1996
SOURCES OF INFORMATION IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES. 3 <sup>rd</sup> ed.	REF Z7161 .S666 1986
THE SOCIAL SCIENCES: A CROSS-DISCIPLINARY GUIDE TO SELECTED SOURCES. 3 <sup>rd</sup> ed.	REF 7161 .S648 2002

### ***HANDBOOKS***

ASCD CURRICULUM HANDBOOK. SERIAL.	REF LB2806.15 .A85
EDUCATOR'S DESK REFERENCE.	REF LB1028.27 .U6 F74 1989
HANDBOOK OF CHILD PSYCHOLOGY.	REF BF721 .H242 1998
HANDBOOK OF EDUCATIONAL IDEAS AND PRACTICES.	REF LB17 .H267 1990
HANDBOOK OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY.	REF LB1051 .H2354 1996
HANDBOOK OF PSYCHOLOGICAL AND EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF CHILDREN.	REF BF722 .H33 1990
HANDBOOK OF RESEARCH ON TEACHER EDUCATION.	REF LB1715 .H274 1996
HANDBOOK OF TESTS AND MEASUREMENTS FOR BLACK POPULATIONS.	REF BF 176 .H37 1996

HIGHER EDUCATION: HANDBOOK OF THEORY AND RESEARCH.	REF LB2300 .H54 1985-1990
INTERNATIONAL HANDBOOK OF CURRICULUM RESEARCH.	LB2806.15 .I595 2003
INTERNATIONAL HANDBOOK OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.	REF LB1139.23 .I68 1992
THE PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATORS.	REF Z675 .P3 W55 1996
RESOURCES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD: A HANDBOOK.	REF HQ767.9 .N8 1994
RESOURCES FOR TEACHING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCIENCE.	Z5818 .S3 R47 1996
TEACHER'S DESK REFERENCE. DELAWARE CONTENT STANDARDS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS, GRADES K-5.	REF LB1561 .D3 T4 1998
TEACHER'S DESK REFERENCE. DELAWARE CONTENT STANDARDS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS, GRADES 6-8.	REF LB1561 .D3 T433 1998

### ***LEGAL RESOURCES***

TITLE 14: EDUCATION REGULATIONS / STATE OF DELAWARE.	KFD 390 .T58 2002
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### ***SOURCES OF STATISTICS***

CONDITION OF EDUCATION. ANNUAL.	L112 .N377a
DIGEST OF EDUCATION STATISTICS. ANNUAL.	REF L11 .D48
EDUCATION INDICATORS.	REF L112 .N378 1989
EDUCATION STATE RANKINGS 2002-2003.	REF LA217.2 .E38 2002
REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS. ANNUAL.	REF LA252 .A3

### ***TESTS***

DIRECTORY OF TEST COLLECTIONS IN ACADEMIC, PROFESSIONAL, AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES.	REF LB3051 .D564 2001
HANDBOOK OF TESTS AND MEASUREMENT IN EDUCATION AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES.	REF LB3051 .L4543 1997
MENTAL MEASUREMENTS YEARBOOK. IRREGULAR. (Available in library databases)	REF Z5814 .P8 B932

TEST CRITIQUES.	REF BF176 T419 1984
TESTS: A COMPREHENSIVE REFERENCE FOR ASSESSMENT IN PSYCHOLOGY, EDUCATION, AND BUSINESS. 4 <sup>th</sup> ed.	REF BF176 .T43 1997
TESTS IN EDUCATION.	REF LB3058 .G7 T34 1984
TESTS IN PRINT.	REF Z5814 .P8 B932 1961
TESTS IN PRINT II.	REF Z5814 .E9 T47 1974
TESTS IN PRINT III.	REF Z5814 .E9 T47 1983
TESTS IN PRINT IV.	REF Z5814 .E9 T47 1994
TESTS IN PRINT V.	REF Z5814 .E9 T47 1999
TESTS IN PRINT VI.	REF Z5814 .E9 T47 2002
TESTS IN PRINT VII.	REF Z5814 .E9 T47 2006

**Microfiche**

ERIC MICROFICHE DOCUMENTS. 1966 – c.2004  
(ED010000 – ED483046)

MICROFORM AREA

### *Education Periodicals at Wilmington College*

- American Educational Research Journal
- American Journal of Distance Education
- American Journal of Education
- Applied Measurement in Education
- Arithmetic Teacher
- Black Issues in Higher Education
- Child Development
- Childhood Education
- The Chronicle of Higher Education
- College Teaching
- Diverse Issues in Higher Education
- Early Years
- Education Week
- Educational Action Research
- Educational Assessment
- Educational Index
- Educational Leadership
- Educational Record
- Elementary School Journal
- Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education
- History of Education Quarterly
- Journal of Research in Mathematics Education
- Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy
- Journal of Educational Public Relations
- Journal of Educational Relations
- Journal of Higher Education
- Journal of Negro Education
- Journal of Reading
- Journal of Research in Childhood Education
- Journal of Teacher Education
- Journal of Vocational Education and Training
- Mailbox (Intermediate, Grades 2-3, Preschool and Kindergarten)
- Mathematics Teaching in the Middle School
- Multicultural Education
- Multimedia Schools
- Reading Teacher
- Review of Educational Research
- Scholastic Early Childhood Today
- Scholastic Pre-K Today
- School Arts
- School Counselor
- School Public Relations
- Science and Children
- Teacher Magazine
- Teaching Children Mathematics
- Teaching Education
- Teaching Exceptional Children
- Teaching Pre K-8
- Young Children