



LIBRARY GUIDE

Education Databases: ERIC and Education Abstracts

This series of handouts is designed to help you use particular resources. You can use these to get an idea about what materials are available through these sources and how to use them. If you need any assistance, please ask a reference librarian for help.

WHAT IS ERIC?

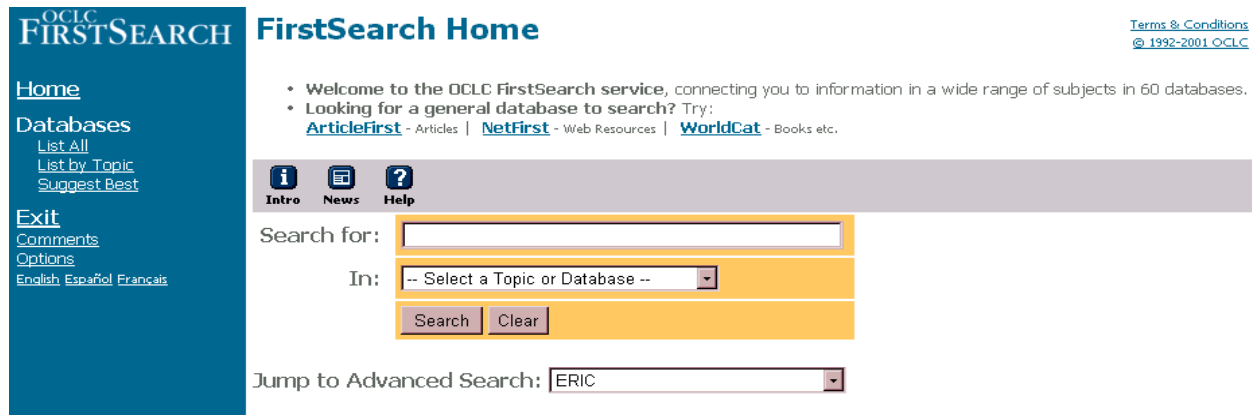
ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center)

- ***ERIC is a comprehensive database of educational materials.*** It is an excellent research tool for educational topics and other social science topics as they relate to education or training.
- ***Funded by the federal government, ERIC is part of the U.S. Department of Education*** and consists of 16 clearinghouses that provide information to the database. It is used extensively by students, teachers, administrators and parents.
- ***ERIC contains over 1 million bibliographic records*** of journal articles (800 journal titles are indexed), research reports, curriculum and teaching guides, conference papers and books. ERIC contains references to journals (EJ) and documents (ED).
- ***ERIC records include unpublished reports and other unique items***, such as curriculum guides, handouts, and other materials ready for classroom use. ERIC is particularly valuable for the school district reports and teacher curriculum materials it contains. Remember ERIC when you've finished college and are teaching in the classroom!
- ***ERIC has some full-text materials.*** All ERIC Documents (ED) added after 2004 are available online, full-text. Documents published prior to 2004 are available in microfiche. ERIC journal articles are not full-text, but can be obtained either in the SAU Collection or through Interlibrary Loan.
- ***At Spring Arbor University, we maintain the complete collection of ERIC Documents (ED) in microfiche format, 1986 to the 2003 (starting in 2004 all ERIC Documents are available online full-text).*** Our collection of Educational Journals is extensive as well, including over 190 journal titles in paper or microfiche format.

HOW DO I ACCESS THE ERIC DATABASE?

- ***ERIC is available through FirstSearch, an online database provider accessible through Spring Arbor University.***
- ***Students access First Search from the SAU Library Website:***
www.arbor.edu/whitelibrary

- **Off-campus students need their SAU UserName and Password to access the article databases. You'll be prompted to provide this information.**
- **Once logged into FirstSearch, select ERIC from the listing of databases at the "Jump to Advanced Search" prompt shown in the screen shot below:**



FirstSearch Home Screen-Select Database to Search

HOW DO I RESEARCH USING ERIC?

- **First, as in all research, you should have a clear idea of your research topic. If your topic is too narrow or too broad, you will have trouble locating appropriate materials. Take time to write out your topic, listing the points you want to research and possible terms for searching.**
- **Check the ERIC Thesaurus to find appropriate terms to search. A copy is available in the SAU Library and may be available in your local library. You can also view the thesaurus online at the ERIC website, <http://www.eric.ed.gov/> Using the Thesaurus first will also help you avoid the frustration of searching under the wrong term and finding nothing. Keep in mind the correct term in the ERIC database is not necessarily the common term used in the classroom or the literature.**
- **Second, you should be aware of the type of materials in the ERIC system. ERIC is two separate indexes combined. The first is CIJE (Current Index to Journals in Education) and the second is RIE (Resources in Education). CIJE indexes articles from journals. The records from this index are identified as EJ records. RIE is an index of many different types of documents, such as research reports, legal materials, teaching guides and conference proceedings. The records from this index are identified as ED records.**

- **Third, you should understand linking topics, which is Boolean searching.** A major advantage of ERIC is the capability of including and excluding topics, dates, journals, etc. With Boolean searching, you can use **AND** (link two or more topics together); **OR** (include variations on one topic); and **NOT** (exclude a topic). Notice the search boxes and the and/or/not options on the side in the screen shot below.

The screenshot shows the OCLC FirstSearch Advanced Search interface. The current database is ERIC. The search area includes a search box with 'ERIC' entered, a 'Search' button, and a 'Clear' button. Below the search box are three search criteria sections, each with a dropdown menu for 'and', 'or', or 'not' and a 'Keyword' input field. The 'Limit to' section includes fields for 'Year' (format: YYYY-YYYY), 'Language' (All), 'Document Type' (All), and 'Library Code'.

HOW DO I GET THE MATERIALS I LOCATED IN ERIC?

- **First, for journal articles, check to see if the SAU Library owns the materials, using the online SAU Journal List, <http://ud5gw7zu7m.search.serialssolutions.com/>** If SAU does not own the journal you need, it may be obtained through **Interlibrary Loan**. We will provide materials upon request at no charge. It normally takes about two weeks to get items through interlibrary loan.
- **ERIC Documents are available in the Library Lower Level.** If you are an off-campus student, contact the library and copies of ERIC Documents can be made and sent to you.
- **There are several ways to request materials through interlibrary loan:**
- Copy the information onto a Periodical Request Card (available in library)
 - Print out the citation, write in your contact information and give to a librarian.
 - Off-campus students may fax requests to the library at 1-517-750-2108 or contact the Interlibrary Loan Technician, Kami Moyer with their request. Contact Kami by email, kmoyer@arbor.edu, or by phone, 800-968-9103, ext. 1439.

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- Use the navigation buttons to see previous/next records.
- Click on a checkbox to mark a record to be e-mailed or printed in Marked Records.







ERIC results for: kw: classroom and kw: managment. Record 8 of 8





Mark:

Database: ERIC

Accession No: ED144931

Title: **The Disruptive Student and the Teacher. NEA Professional Studies Series.**

Author(s): [Rivers, L. Wendell](#)

Publication: 1977-00-00

Description: 42 p.

→ *First Search also allows you to complete an online Interlibrary Loan form, which is transmitted directly to the interlibrary loan technician. This feature is located at the top of each record. See screen above for example.*

- **EDUCATION ABSTRACTS**-this database is also available through FirstSearch. Education Abstracts is listed right above ERIC in the listing of FirstSearch databases at the “Jump to Advanced Search” drop down menu on the FirstSearch Main Page. It contains information regarding journal articles and does include full-text materials. Education Abstracts covers every age and sector of the educational community from preschool through college.

DON'T GO AWAY EMPTY HANDED!!! If you are having trouble locating what you need, just ask for a reference librarian. We are here to help! Contact White Library by phone, 800-868-9103, ext. 1742 or by email, saulibrary@gmail.com