



ELECTRONIC GUIDE

ERIC Database

Educational Resources Information Center

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Introduction

The **ERIC Bibliographic Database** provides citations and abstracts for articles from *education journals (EJ)* and for *education reports/documents (ED)*. Beginning in 1993 ERIC Documents are available in **full text** for printing or downloading. For full text of earlier documents, see the **ERIC Collection** on microfiche in the **Babbidge Federal Documents Microfiche Collection, Level B**.

ERIC Digests (1980+), short reports on significant topics, are also included as **full text**. **ERIC**, the Educational Resources Information Center, is a federally funded project of the U.S. Department of Education.

Availability

The **ERIC Database** as a U.S. Government product is freely accessible on several web sites. While the database content is the **same** at these sites, searching modes and formats may differ.

The **ERIC Database** has also been incorporated into search modes, formats, and value-added features developed by profit-making organizations such as *EBSCOhost* and *Cambridge Scientific Abstracts (CSA)*. Access to these databases is usually restricted to faculty, staff, and students of the subscribing library.



ERIC Database on the Web: EBSCOhost 1966+

Available on all Internet accessible computers in the UConn Libraries.

[Remote access is limited to UConn students, faculty, and staff and requires a NetID.
See <https://netid.uconn.edu> for more information.]


<http://www.lib.uconn.edu> → UConn Libraries homepage → Most Used Databases → ERIC (via EBSCOhost)

Advantages:

- Search simultaneously in relevant subject databases such as **PsycINFO**.
- Updating feature: **Save Searches / Alerts**. Saved searches are run at selected frequency and results sent to e-mail address.
- Limit search to full text: Full Text
- For each record of an article in a journal (EJ)
 -  [Linked Full Text](#) provides link to article in full text
 -  [UConn Links](#) provides links:
 - to access article in full text
 - to HOMER (Library Catalog) to check for print version of article
 - to request article from Document Delivery / Interlibrary Loan (DD / ILL)
 - to search for article in full-text on the Web
- Free-of-charge Education Documents (ED) from 1993+ are available in full text for downloading and/or printing.
[Full Text from ERIC](#)

Note: documents published **prior to 1993** are available on microfiche in the *Babbidge Federal Documents Microfiche Collection (Level B)* filed under ERIC and ED number: ED 418 941

- Availability information (publisher, address, etc.) provided for documents (ED) that are not full text in the ERIC Database.
- Create a bibliography of selected records that can be uploaded to bibliographic management software.

Click:  Save a Copy



ERIC Database on the Web: CSA (Cambridge Scientific Abstracts) 1966+

Available on all Internet accessible computers in the UConn Libraries.

[Remote access is limited to UConn students, faculty, and staff and requires a NetID. See <https://netid.uconn.edu/> for more information.]

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu> → UConn Libraries homepage → All Databases → ERIC (via CSA)

Advantages:

- Search simultaneously in **Sociological Abstracts**.
- Updating feature: **Search Alerts**. Save search strategy, have it rerun automatically every time the database is updated, and results sent to email address.
- Limit search to ERIC documents only. ERIC Documents Only
- For each record of an article in a journal (EJ)  provides links
 - to access article in full text
 - to HOMER (Library Catalog) to check for print version of journal
 - to request article from Document Delivery / Interlibrary Loan (DD / ILL)
 - to search for full-text on the Web
- Free-of-charge Education Documents (ED) from 1993+ are available in full text  [Full-Text](#) for downloading and/or printing.

Note: documents published **prior to 1993** are available on microfiche in the *Babbidge Federal Documents Microfiche Collection* (Level B) filed under ERIC and ED number: ED 418 941
- Availability information (publisher, address, etc.) provided for **documents** (ED) that are not full text in the ERIC Database.
- Link to Interlibrary Loan is provided on every record.
- Create a bibliography of selected records in bibliographic styles such as *APA, MLA, Turabian*. (**QuikBib**).
[Run search; Mark records; Select *Print*, Email]

ERIC Database on the Web (U.S. Department of Education) 1966+

Freely accessible to all: <http://www.eric.ed.gov/>

Advantages:

- Limit search to full text. **Full-Text Availability:**
- Displayed search results for journal articles have links (**Related Items**) to similar journal articles. Education documents are similarly linked to related documents.
- Provides **full text** links **Full-Text Availability:** to free-of-charge ED documents (Adobe Acrobat Format) from 1993+ that may be downloaded and/or printed.

Note: documents published **prior to 1993** are available on microfiche in the *Babbidge Federal Documents Microfiche Collection* (Level B) filed under ERIC and ED number: ED 418 941
- Availability information (publisher, address, etc.) provided for documents that are not full text in the ERIC database.
- Searches may be saved and rerun through the **MyERIC** feature.
- Records may be exported through Citation Manager File or Text File to create bibliography. (**MyERIC** feature)

ERIC Database on the Web: ERIC SEARCH WIZARD

Freely accessible to all: <http://searcheric.org/scripts/ewiz/amain5.asp>

Advantages:

- **ERIC Search Wizard** 1966+ integrates terms from the *ERIC Thesaurus of Descriptors* **directly** into search strategies. Descriptors are subject headings assigned to each journal article and document in the database. Searching by descriptors focuses just on these headings, eliminating peripheral references.
- Provides pre-packaged expert search strategies that can be loaded into the Search ERIC Wizard.
- Displayed search results for journal articles have links to similar journal articles. Educational documents have links to similar documents. Abstracts are provided for similar matches.
- Free-of-charge ED documents (1993+) are available in **full text**: select **On-Demand Documents (Quick Search)**.

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ERIC Database on the Web: ERIC Digests

Freely accessible to all: <http://www.ericdigests.org/eric-digests.html>

Advantage:

ERIC Digests 1982-2005 are **full text** short reports providing an overview of key educational topics as well as references. Good source for a review of the literature. While ERIC Digests are included in all ERIC databases, this database focuses exclusively and comprehensively on them.

ERIC Database on the Web: Department of Education Publications

Freely accessible to all: <http://www.edpubs.org/webstore/Content/search.asp>

Advantage:

New or recent publications of the U.S. Department of Education may be ordered in print free of charge and shipped at no cost to the general public. Many of these publications are also available to download or print. All ED documents become part of the ERIC Database.

Finding & Searching Education Web Sites

Access the University of Connecticut Libraries *Resources for Education* page at:

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/online/research/bysubject/educ.html>

Note: Key Web Sites for Educators and Educators' Resources.