ERIC: Basic Searching via FirstSearch

The Education Resources Information Center is a comprehensive index to education research covering 1966 – present. ERIC includes some full-text documents.

Getting started

- http://library.csustan.edu
- Databases A-Z list
- Eric through FirstSearch
- Enter search terms

Note: You can limit to research articles by typing ‘research’ into one of the fields, and then selecting ‘publication type’ from the corresponding drop down box.

Understanding the results

After clicking “Search,” a list of results will appear. If you do not receive results, it may be necessary to change your search terms (consider possible synonyms).

ED = ERIC Document (may be available full-text, on microfiche, or occasionally in the library’s general collection).

EJ = ERIC Journal (may be available full-text electronically, in print, or through Interlibrary Loan).

Our name indicates that we subscribe to the listed journal; but it is important to verify that the library owns the required volume.

The Source provides the title/volume/date of the journal that contains the article.
Retrieving Journal Articles or Documents from ERIC

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**Check for print copy of journal:**

After clicking the “Find It!” button, if you see the link that reads “We may have a copy in print listed in the Library Catalog,” click on it to see if the Library holds a print copy of the volume and issue of the journal you are seeking. Print journals are located on the second floor of the Library and are alphabetized by title.

**Check for print copy of journal:**

Copy the ED number from the record; then go to the ERIC microfiche filing cabinet to look for the film by its ED number (e.g., ED446228). The filing cabinet is located on the second floor of the Library Building in the Reference Department. Approximately 80% of EDs from 1995 to the present are available.

OR

Run the title of the document (in quotation marks) through Google. Many ED’s published by the Department of Education are available full-text from the WWW.

Marking, printing, and emailing results

- ERIC records can also be printed for your convenience.
- ERIC records can also be emailed.
- ERIC records can be marked in order to keep track of relevant documents. Click Marked Records to retrieve the list of all marked records.