Tips for Searching Education Literature

Use Boolean operators AND, OR NOT
- Cheating AND adolescents
- Principals NOT middle school

Consider using demographics to delimit your search

Search for theoretical literature on your topic
- Emotional intelligence AND theory

Examine references cited in the literature

Search for names of prominent individuals

Consider using the term “history”

Consider using “definition” as a keyword

Consider using “literature review” or “review”

Consider using an exact phrase match
- “school achievement”

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Pearson Library Education Databases

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ERIC
(1966-present; updated monthly) Includes journal articles, books, theses, curricula, conference papers, and standards and guidelines.

Mental Measurements Yearbook
Full text information about and reviews of standardized tests.

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Full-text articles from 41 peer-reviewed APA journals.

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SCOPUS
Discover who cited particular authors and their papers.

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Comprehensive access to statistical information

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Education articles from periodicals and yearbooks.

Choosing the Right Education Database

Follow these guidelines to select the best database for your research. If you need more help, check with the Information Commons Desk.

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♦ California Rand
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