











Subject Guide to Education Research

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L 7-991	Education (General)	LC 8-59	Forms of Education
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LB 5-3640	Theory and Practice of Education	LC 1001-1099.5	Types of Education
LB 2300-2430	Higher Education	LC 1390-5160.3	Education of Special Classes of Persons

Selected Reference and Other Books

-  **The Greenwood Dictionary of Education** [LB 15 .G68 2003 Ref] – “A comprehensive dictionary of contemporary education terms as they apply to educational research, practice, and theory” (*Preface*).
-  **Digest of Education Statistics** [L111 .A6 2009 Ready Ref] – Contains statistics covering all levels of American education from kindergarten to graduate school. The most comprehensive source of education statistics.
-  **Introduction to Educational Research: A Critical Thinking Approach** [LB 1028.S944 2006]-Concentrates on the conceptual features of research methods instead of the statistical. The book includes a glossary.
-  **Educational Research, Methodology and Measurement** [LB1028 .E3184 Ref] – Provides an overview of the methods of inquiry used in research in education.
-  **Encyclopedia of American Education** [LB17 .U54 2001 Ref] – Contains over 2,500 entries related to American education. Covers a broad range of subject areas, from administration to women’s education and each subject area contains bibliographies.
-  **Encyclopedia of Educational Research** [LB15 .E473 2005 Ref] – A multivolume work divided into 7 broad topics concerning education and human development.
-  **Introduction to Research Methods in Education** [LB 1028.P855 2009 Ref] - A well-written and extremely informative book for “anyone who wants to learn about research in education” (p. 2). The book is divided into chapters; each with a series of learning objectives, a summary, recommendations for additional reading and a glossary.
-  **Handbook of Education Policy Research** [LC71.H363 2009 folio]- “addresses the role that research can play in helping school administrators, governmental leaders, and higher-education policy makers in decision making, in addition to explaining the theoretical boundaries and methodological approaches used in K-12 and higher education policy research.” (booknews.com).
-  **The Sage Encyclopedia of Qualitative Research Methods** [H61 .S234 2008 Ref. 2 volumes] - Developed “to cover every topic that informs qualitative research methods, practice and development” (*Content and Organization*, p.xxx). Topics are organized alphabetically by title and each entry ranges in length from one to several pages.
-  **West’s Education Law Reporter** [KF4110 .A2 W47] – Contains relevant court cases related to all education related issues. Both federal and state cases are included. To find a case on a particular subject, consult **West’s Education Law Digest** [KF4110.3 .W47 Ref].

Selected Databases

- ☒ **EBSCOhost Educational Databases** [EBSCOhost] ^{Off-Campus Some Full-Text} Selecting the EBSCOhost icon at the bottom of the Subject Databases page will give you an option to search all “Educational Databases” offered by EBSCOhost at once. This provides access to education literature and resources. Automatically selects ERIC (Educational Resource Information Center), Academic Search Premier, Teacher Reference Center, Professional Development Collection and SPORTDiscus.
***Note: ERIC Documents not accessible through the database may be available on microfiche. Microfiche are located on the 2nd floor in the Microforms Room.**
- ☒ **Mental Measurements Yearbook** (1989-present) [EBSCOhost] ^{Off-Campus Full-Text} Contains descriptions and edited reviews of more than 2,700 commercially available standardized English-language educational, personality, aptitude, neuropsychological, achievement, and intelligence tests. Entries contain descriptive information (e.g., test purpose, publisher, pricing) and provides coverage beginning from Volume 9 to the present. **MMY** via **EBSCOhost** now includes the **MMY Archive** providing all yearbooks from the first edition in 1938, through the 18th yearbook released in 2010 raising the total number of full-text reviews available on the product to over 7,000. This database is most useful to those in need of finding and evaluating testing instruments.
- ☒ **Cabell’s Educational Directories** (access through 2012) ^{Off-Campus Access} –Assists professors, graduate students, and researchers to publish their manuscripts in academic journals. Cabell’s provides information on the fields of Education Curriculum and Methods, Education Psychology and Administration, and Education Technology and Library Science. In order to access the directories, select “**Cabell’s Educational Directories**” from the Library Database listing

Selected Government Documents* and Websites

- ☞ **United States Census Bureau/American Fact Finder**
[<http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>]-The Census Bureau collects education data on subjects such as educational attainment and school enrollment and provides this information online for users.
- ☞ **National Center for Education Evaluation and Regional Assistance (NCEE)**[<http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/>]-The NCEE “conducts unbiased large-scale evaluations of educational programs and practices supported by federal funds, provides research-based technical assistance to educators and policymakers; and supports the synthesis and the wide spread dissemination of the results of research and evaluation throughout the United States” (*Introduction*. Retrieved from: <http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/>).
- ☞ **National Center for Educational Statistics** [<http://nces.ed.gov/>]-This website “is the primary federal entity for collecting and analyzing data related to education” in the United States. The site provides valuable links to NCES resources such as annual reports concerning the condition of education in the United States; utilizing data tools for creating local cores of educational data; and locating information concerning local public and private schools A multitude of educational - related publications and products are also available directly from the site.
- ☞ **U.S. Department of Education** [<http://www.ed.gov/>]- Organized according to broad subject headings (Funding, Policy, Research, News and About ED); this site provides a wealth of information and data concerning education and educational topics. Includes a blog pertaining to current news in education, “Features” and “News” tabs and a “How do I find” section that provides answers about issues such as college funding opportunities and facts about education.

**For access to other government documents related to education, please see the “Government Documents” link on the Roberts-LaForge Library homepage at <http://www.deltastate.edu/pages/177.asp>*

**For off-campus access to subscription databases, use the Remote Accessible Database Log-in page available from: <http://ezproxy.deltastate.edu:2048/login>. You will need your 900 number as your username and your 6-digit birth-date as your password.*

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