



ERIC Unveils New Look, Help, and Tutorials

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ERIC announces the release of a new Web site structure and design at www.eric.ed.gov. The new ERIC Web site features several enhancements that will make the experience of using the site easier and faster for individual researchers, along with improvements to aid librarians in supporting ERIC users. These enhancements include improved navigation, expanded help and training, an information area for librarians, and a lighter visual design:

- Restructured navigation makes site usage more intuitive to speed information discovery.
- ERIC's Help feature has been expanded to include brief tutorials, a glossary, and a searchable index. Help has been fully integrated into the ERIC Web site through the use of context-sensitive Help features such as tool tips and How do I links.
- A new area for librarians provides access to flyers, brochures, lists of ERIC microfiche, and other relevant information, including ways to provide feedback about ERIC.
- Site pages load faster with a lighter visual design, and new graphics refresh the site while retaining ERIC's look and feel.

The features and functionality of ERIC search and My ERIC have not been changed in the current release.

ERIC has modified the site in response to user feedback identified through emails, user research, and usability testing. The changes and enhancements reflect our commitment to continuous improvement.



New Journals Boost ERIC Collection

Highlights Include:

- Restructured, searchable Help
- Brief, animated tutorials
- Added tool tips and How Do I links
- New tabs for Our Collection and About Us
- Redesign of the Spotlight
- Improved organization
- Lighter, faster loading visual design
- Information area for librarians
- Information about the *Thesaurus*
- Refreshed graphics

Sampling of New Journal Coverage:

ASHE Higher Education Report

Assessing Writing

Australian Journal of Adult Learning

Children & Society

Cognitive and Behavioral Practice

Coverage

ERIC recently signed agreements with journal publishers to add more than 130 education-focused journals to the ERIC Collection. As of June 30, 2008, ERIC has added more than 3,600 new records from these journals. The new journals are in addition to 600 titles already being indexed, and are part of a plan to expand journal coverage even further. New journals are indexed from 2004 forward, except for titles indexed prior to ERIC's 2004 transition to an all-electronic service. ERIC is acquiring 2002-2003 electronic back issues of these previously indexed titles to prevent gaps in journal coverage.

The online list of Journals Indexed in ERIC will be updated later this year, as part of an upgrade to this area of the Web site.

ERIC is also expanding the collection of non-journal literature. Recent agreements include materials from:

- California Childcare Health Program (University of California San Francisco, School of Nursing)
- Center of Mental Health in Schools (UCLA)
- eEducation Group (Texas A&M University)
- Institute on Community Integration (University of Minnesota)
- National Foundation for Educational Research (Berkshire, UK)

ERIC acknowledges the collaborative efforts of the library community, ERIC Content Experts, and the Department of Education in their contributions to ERIC's robust yet systematic collection development program. The ERIC user community is also invited to submit recommendations for education-related materials to be considered for inclusion in the ERIC Collection. To suggest a journal or new source of grey literature, email ericpub@csc.com and forward the journal title or source name, name of publisher or organization, and Web site URL. Recommendations will be included in the next cycle of review using the standards and criteria of

Education for Information

Educational Management, Administration & Leadership

Educational Research Review

International Journal of Education & the Arts

International Journal of Science and Mathematics Education

Journal of Conflict Resolution

Journal of Early Childhood Research

Journal of English for Academic Purposes

Journal of Marketing Education

Journal of Research in Special Educational Needs

Language Teaching Research

New Directions for Evaluation

New England Journal of Higher Education

Physical Disabilities: Education and Related Services

portal: Libraries and the Academy

the ERIC Selection Policy.

Science & Education

*Teacher Education
Quarterly*

*Update: Applications
of Research in Music
Education*



ERIC by the Numbers

- Over 21,800 new records added in 2008
- 812 journals under agreement
- 681 non-journal providers under agreement
- Over 3600 records added from new sources

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If you have any questions or need assistance, send us a reply or contact ERIC at 800-LET-ERIC (800-538-3742), between 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (U.S. and Canada). Thank you for your interest in ERIC.

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