

Changes in the ERIC Record

In 2005, ERIC introduced the first significant changes to the ERIC Record in more than 25 years. This table lists the fields that are, or have been, part of an ERIC Record since the first indexed records were released in 1966; and indicates their status. Notes include changes in usage and formatting, and the approximate date changes were made; alternate field names; and other explanatory text.

Field Name	Status 1966 to 2004	Notes	Status 2005 to Present	Notes
Abstract	Active		Active	
Abstractor	Not Used		Active	
Audience	Active	Target Audience; ED records since 1975 EJ records since 1984	Active	
Author	Active	Personal Author	Active	
Clearinghouse Accession Number	Active	2-letter prefix plus 6-digit number	Not Used	
Clearinghouse Prefix	Active		Not Used	
Contract / Grant Number	Active		Not Used	
Content Size	Not Used		Active	Added 2005 File size of full-text
Descriptor	Active		Active	
EDRS Price	Active		Not Used	
Education Level	Not Used	Prior to 2005, included as Descriptor	Active	
ERIC Number	Active	ERIC Accession Number	Active	
Full-text Availability	Not Used		Active	Added 2005
Geographic Source	Active	Added Jan. 1979	Not Used	
Governmental Status	Active		Not Used	
Identifier	Active		Active	
Institution	Active	Corporate Source	Active	
ISBN	Active		Active	
ISSN	Active		Active	
Issue of Abstract Journal	Active	RIE 1969-2004 CIJE March 1979-2004	Not Used	See <i>Year Added</i>
Journal Citation	Active			See <i>Source</i>
Language	Active	Added Jan. 1979	Active	Primary language; default, 2005 forward, is English
Level	Active	Level of Availability (microfiche collection only)	Not Used	
Note	Active	Descriptive Note	Not Used	May be included at end of <i>Abstract</i> , in brackets; or in <i>Source</i> , e.g., conference name
Pages	Active	Pagination	Active	
Peer Reviewed (see Peer-Reviewed Designation policy)	Not Used	Retroactively added to journal article records	Active	Added 2005; applies to journal article and US Dept. of Education records only
Publication Date	Active	Some early records are undated	Active	
Publication Type	Active	Added Sept. 1974	Active	
Publisher	Active	Availability (included publisher's url)	Active	
Publisher's Web Site	Not Used		Active	Added 2005; URLs are publisher-provided
Record Type	Active	File	Active	
Reference Count	Not Used	Included at end of <i>Abstract</i> through 2004	Active	Added 2005
Report Number	Active		Not Used	Included in <i>Title</i> since 2005
Source	Not Used		Active	Added 2005; includes journal citation
Sponsors	Active	Sponsoring Agency	Active	
Title	Active		Active	
Year Added	Not Used	See <i>Issue of Abstract Journal</i>	Active	Added 2005