

## Resources in Education

### Databases

Available from the Information Gateway on the Libraries' Web site

<http://www.lib.ku.edu>.

### ***Educational Resource Information Clearinghouse (ERIC)***

Provides the most extensive indexing and abstracting to education literature. ERIC consists of two files: Resources in Education, covering the document literature, and Current Index to Journals in Education, covering the published journal literature. Many of the documents, identified by the ED number, are available in full-text and KU affiliates can use the KU Link to link to full-text journal articles when they are available.

### ***Wilson Omnifile Full-Text Select***

Contains indexing, abstracting, and full-text to approximately 1900 journals, newspapers, and magazines. This database is particularly strong in education. It is possible to search only education journals by using the Advanced Search and the pull-down menu that is labeled *Subject Area*, and choosing *Education (Complete)*.

### ***PsycInfo***

The American Psychological Association's *PsycInfo* database, with over one million records, is a comprehensive and international index of psychological research. It also includes relevant materials from related disciplines such as medicine, psychiatry, education, social work, law, criminology, and other behavioral sciences. *PsycInfo* provides indexes to journals, dissertations, book chapters, books, technical reports, and other documents.

### ***Google Scholar***

Google Scholar enables you to search specifically for scholarly literature, including peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, preprints, abstracts and technical reports from all broad areas of research. Use Google Scholar to find articles from a wide variety of academic publishers, professional societies, preprint repositories and universities, as well as scholarly articles available across the web.

### ***Google Book Search***

Google Book Search is a discovery tool for books. Click a book title and you'll see the Snippet View which, like a card catalog, shows information about the book plus a few snippets - a few sentences of your search term in context. You may also see the Sample Pages View if the publisher or author has given Google permission or the Full Book View if the book is out of copyright. Links are also provided to book reviews, synopses, sources to purchase the book, and to libraries that hold the books.

### ***WorldCat***

Includes millions of records describing items owned by OCLC member libraries, including the KU Libraries.

### ***Kraus Curriculum Development Library***

Brings together in one place: Curricula, frameworks, and standards from all across the English-speaking world; lessons and learning activities; educational objectives; educational content; instructional strategies; evaluative techniques in a searchable database with full-text for downloading.

### ***Education Abstracts***

Really a secondary source for researchers, EA includes journal literature, yearbooks, selected series, supplements and book review citations.

### ***Mental Measurements Yearbook***

Contains descriptive information and critical reviews of commercially-available standardized English-language educational, personality, aptitude, neuropsychological, achievement and intelligence tests. Contains the text of the Buros Institute's Yearbooks.

### ***JSTOR***

*JSTOR* (Journal Storage Project) is an ongoing project of some 200 libraries and other non-profit organizations designed to provide electronic access to the full-text of core academic journals in a variety of disciplines. *JSTOR* is not a current issues database. Typically, there is a 1-5 year (and as much as a 10 year) gap between the most recently published journal and the back issues available in *JSTOR*.

Other disciplinary databases of interest to educators (all accessible through the KU Libraries' Web site):

### ***Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts***

Strong resource for language teaching and learning.

### ***ABI Inform***

A business database with resources in vocational education and counseling.

### ***Business and Company Resource Center***

Another business database with vocational education and counseling.

### ***Social Welfare Abstracts***

A good source for resources on family, sexuality, and policy.

### ***Expanded Academic ASAP***

A good general database that covers many topics.

### ***Proquest Research Library***

Another good general resource with over 2500 journals in full-text.

### ***Lexis Nexis Academic***

Search this resource for newspaper, journal, and magazine articles as well as polling, legal, business, and medical information.

## WWW Resources

*Kansas State Department of Education,*

<http://www.ksbe.state.ks.us/>

Links to the State Board, Kansas education initiatives, departments, education agencies in Kansas, demographics, scholarship information, and publications are provided by the state.

*U.S. Department of Education*

<http://www.ed.gov/index.jhtml>

Includes publications and resources for parents, teachers, and administrators.

*National Council for the Accreditation of Teachers (NCATE)*

<http://www.ncate.org/>.

The professional accrediting organization for schools, colleges, and departments of education in the United States. It is a coalition of over 30 organizations representing teachers, teacher educators, policymakers, and the public.

*KU Libraries Government Information Links*

These useful links can be found in the Information Gateway from the KU Libraries Web site at <http://www.lib.ku.edu>

by clicking on the Databases tab and the Web Sites tab.

Link to databases at <http://infogateway.ku.edu/index.cfm?type=dbs&sid=57>

Link to Web sites at <http://infogateway.ku.edu/index.cfm?type=wrs&sid=57>

## Statistics

*National Center for Education Statistics*

<http://nces.ed.gov/>

The U.S. Government site with searchable tables and documents.

*Educational Rankings Annual, 1991- Present.*

**LB 2331.63 .E34 Watson Reference Desk**

Looks at the quality of education at all levels.

*The NEA 2007 Almanac of Higher Education*

<http://www2.nea.org/he/almanac.html>

This is a great resource for the most recent statistics on faculty salaries. Also includes information on financing, benefits, retirement, diversity, and academic freedom.

*The Chronicle of Higher Education Almanac 2006/2007*

<http://chronicle.com/free/almanac/2006/>

You must subscribe to the Chronicle to see the Overview, but information on students, faculty, resources, and institutions are freely available.

*Digest of Education Statistics, 1975-2005*

**HE 19.315 (1975-1979); ED 1.113 (1985-1987); ED 1.326 (1988-2002); ED 1.140 (2003-2005) Anschutz Library**

**L 11 .D48 Watson Reference Desk and Regents Center Reference (Edwards Campus)**

**Also available online 1995-2005 at <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/>**

Digest of statistics from the National Center for Education Statistics.

### **Handbooks, Bibliographies, and Guides to the Literature**

These sources are particularly good places to start a research project. Many include extensive bibliographies that will lead you to more in-depth information on your topic.

Banks, James A., ed. *Handbook of Research on Multicultural Education*, 2004.

#### **LC 1099.3 .H35 1995 Watson Reference**

Extensive bibliographies follow each section of this handbook, which takes a look at all aspects of the field of multicultural education and research.

*The Achievement Test Desk Reference*, 2nd ed., 2006.

#### **LB 3060.3 .A28 2006 Watson Reference**

A guide to learning disability identification.

Jackson, Philip W., ed. *Handbook of Research on Curriculum*, 1992.

#### **LB 1570 .H264 1992 Watson Reference and Regents Center Reference (Edwards Campus)**

Lengthy articles on conceptual and methodological perspectives, how curriculum is shaped, and issues within curriculum categories are included with extensive bibliographies. A bit dated, but still heavily used by researchers.

Jonassen, David H., ed. *Handbook of Research on Educational Communications and Technology*, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ed. 2004.

#### **LB 1028.3 .H355 2004 Watson Reference; Regents Center Library (Edwards Campus)**

Provides an overview of the theoretical foundations for educational communications and technology as well as instructional design, strategies, and research methodologies.

Keeves, John P., ed. *Educational Research, Methodology, and Measurement: An International Handbook*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1997.

#### **LB 1028 .E3184 1997 Watson Reference, Regents Center owns the 1<sup>st</sup> ed., 1988.**

An overview of the methods of inquiry that are used in the investigation of problems which arise in the field of education.

O'Brien, Nancy Patricia. *Education: A Guide to Reference and Information Sources*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 2000.

#### **Z 5811 .B89 2000 Watson Stacks**

Still useful and well organized with excellent annotations.

Richardson, Virginia. *Handbook of Research on Teaching*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. 2001

#### **LB 1028 H315 2001 Watson Reference; Regents Center Library (Edwards Campus)**

Includes foundations, methodology, and policies involved in researching teaching and teachers.

Swanson, H. Lee, Karen R. Harris, and Steve Graham. *Handbook of Learning Disabilities*. 2003

#### **LC 4704 .H364**

Provides historical and current perspectives on the field of learning disabilities.

## Encyclopedias

Although there have been very few encyclopedias published in recent years, the volumes on this list do have good bibliographies to help readers get started with their research.

Albrecht, Gary L., ed. *Encyclopedia of Disability*, 2006.

**HV 1568 .E528 2006, vols. 1-5, Watson Reference**

**E-Book available by searching the Library Catalog by title and using the link – “Available via the Internet - (Source: Gale virtual reference library)” in the catalog record for Internet Resource.**

An extensive list of entries with short bibliographies at the end of each entry. Volume 5 provides primary source documents.

Altbach, Philip G. *International Higher Education: An Encyclopedia*, 1991.

**LB 15 I59 1991, vols. 1-2 Watson Reference**

Educational topics make up most of volume one. Regions and countries are listed with historical information, statistics, and structural overviews.

Altenbaugh, Richard J., ed. *Historical Dictionary of American Education*, 1999.

**LB 15 .H57 1999 Watson Reference**

Entries include biographies, issues, research terms, institutions, and teaching principles, and short bibliographies. A lengthy selected bibliography and index follow at the end.

Chambliss, J.J., ed. *Philosophy of Education: An Encyclopedia*, 1996.

**LB 17 .P485 1996 Watson Reference and Regents Center Reference (Edwards Campus)**

Philosophical points of view that have had the greatest influence on educational thinking, from ancient Greece to the present.

Clark, Burton R., and Guy R. Neave. *The Encyclopedia of Higher Education*, 1992.

**LB 15 .E49 1992, vols. 1-4 Watson Reference**

Entries are grouped under major topics and within particular themes or categories. Volume 1 includes country reports and analyses of national systems of higher education. Volume 2 and 3 contain analytical papers on five basic themes, and volume 4 contains analytical papers on the changing nature of basic disciplines that form the knowledge core of higher education. Comprehensive subject and author indexes are included in the 4<sup>th</sup> volume.

Guthrie, James W. *Encyclopedia of Education*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2003.

**LB 15 E.47 2003 vols. 1-8 Watson Reference**

Offers a view of the institutions, people, processes, roles, and philosophies found in educational practice throughout the world.

Husen, Torsten, and T. Neville Postlethwaite, eds. *The International Encyclopedia of Education*, 1994.

**LB 15 .I569 1994, vols. 1-12 Watson Reference and Regents Center Reference (Edwards Campus)**

Ninety-five countries are represented with special emphasis given to developing countries.

Marlow-Ferguson, Rebecca. *World Education Encyclopedia: A Survey of Educational Systems Worldwide* 2002.

**LB 15 .W87 2002, vols. 1-3 Watson Reference; Regents Center Library (Edwards Campus)**

In-depth essays on 233 countries and territories.

Mitchell, Bruce M., and Robert E. Salsbury. *Encyclopedia of Multicultural Education*, 1999.

**LC 1099.3 .M58 1999 Watson Reference**

Very concise entries include terms, concepts, court decisions and cases, people, and events. A list of brief references after most entries and a selected bibliography lead to more in-depth information on topics.

New, Rebecca S. and Moncrieff Cochran. *Early Childhood Education: An International Encyclopedia*, 2007.

**LB 1139.23 .E272 2007 vols. 1-4 Watson Reference**

Theory, research, pedagogy, family, health, policy, and contemporary issues are well covered in this 4 volume set. Short bibliographies follow each entry.

Reynolds, Cecil R., and E. Fletcher-Janzen, eds. *Encyclopedia of Special Education*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2000.

**LC 4007 .E53 2000 vols. 1-3 Watson Reference**

Comprehensive volumes cover biographies, educational and psychological tests, interventions and service deliveries, conditions, legal issues, and other miscellaneous topics.

Sears, James T., ed. *Youth, Education, and Sexualities: An International Encyclopedia*, 2005.

**LC 192.6 .Y68 2005 vols. 1-2 Watson Reference**

Covers major geographic areas and includes ethnic groups. Issues such as sexual orientation, HIV/AIDS education, and terms used in the study of sexuality are all identified.

Unger, Harlow G. *Encyclopedia of American Education*, 2007

**LB 17 .U54 2007, vols. 1-3 Watson Reference**

Covers a broad area of education, including administration, pedagogy, history, reform, civil rights, child labor, church-state conflicts, and other complex issues.

### **Indexing and Abstracting**

The resources in this section are useful for historical research in education.

*Education Index*, 1929 to 1995

**Z 5813 .E23 Watson Reference**

Covers a limited and basic list of journals. Useful for older material or topics for which its hierarchical subject arrangement is helpful.

*Education Literature*, 1907-1932

**Z 5811 .E415 vols. 1-26 Watson Reference**

The U.S. Office of Education published indexes for the periodical articles, books, conference proceedings, government publications, and other printed materials from 1907-

1932. There is no other indexing for this time period available, making this source invaluable to the historian of education.

*Language Teaching*, 1982 to 1995

**PE 1001 .L3x Watson Reference**

Abstracts articles from about 300 journals from several countries. Earlier title was *Language Teaching and Linguistics Abstracts*.

*Summary of Investigations Relating to Reading*, 1978 to 1996.

**LB 1050 .I4883b Watson Reference**

Abstracts articles arranged by major topical areas in reading research. Included are communications and psychology articles that are not indexed in ERIC. Earlier materials are located in *The William S. Gray Collection on Reading* located in the Microforms Dept of Watson Library.

*Child Development Abstracts and Bibliography*,  
1927 to 2001.

**HQ 750.A1 C47 Watson Reference**

Abstracts from professional periodicals and book reviews related to the growth and development of children.

**Dissertations and Theses**

*Dissertations and Theses @University of Kansas* can be accessed from the Information Gateway database list. This link will take you to *Proquest* and will automatically narrow your search to those dissertations and theses published at KU. Full-text access is available to dissertations published after 1996 and theses published after 2005.

Records for dissertations and theses written at the University of Kansas since 1976 are also available in the KU Libraries' Online Catalog by searching title or author. Access before 1976 can be gained through a separate card catalog located at Anschutz Library. Generally, a circulating copy of education theses and dissertations is shelved in the Anschutz Library and a second non-circulating copy is maintained by the University Archives, located in the Spencer Research Library.

*Proquest Dissertations and Theses*

**Available from the Information Gateway on the Libraries' Web site**

<http://www.lib.ku.edu>.

PQDT provides online access to over 2 million dissertations and master's theses, many of which are available in full text for immediate downloading. Citations are available for dissertations dating from 1861 and full text online from 1997 for over 1,000 schools submitting to the ProQuest UMI database. More than 55,000 new citations are added to the database every year.

*Master's Theses in Education*, 1951 to 1991

Title changed to *Master Theses Directories*, 1991 to 1995.

**Z 5816 .I6 M3 Watson Reference**

Annual listing by subject field of master's theses in education.

## Directories

*Teacher Education Programs in the United States: A Guide*, 2004.

### **LB 1715 .T424 2004**

Institutions are listed by state with admission requirements, fees, financial aid information, accreditation and licensure information.

*The College Blue Book*, 1923-present.

### **LA 226 .C685, vols. 1-5 Watson Reference Desk**

Volume 1 has narrative descriptions of U.S. and Canadian colleges and universities. Volumes 2-5 include tabular data, degrees by college and subject, scholarships, fellowships, grants, and loans, and occupational education.

Kaye, Elizabeth A. *Requirements for Certification of Teachers, Counselors, Librarians, and Administrators in Elementary and Secondary Schools*, 71st ed., 2006-2007.

### **LB 1771 .W6 2006/2007 Watson Reference**

Concise requirements are listed by state.

*The Handbook of Private Schools*, 1953-present.

### **L 901 .H3 Watson Reference Desk (latest volume, other volumes in Watson Stacks and Anschutz Library)**

This is not a handbook at all, but a descriptive survey of private education. A list of leading schools includes international and bilingual schools, military programs, and programs for students with disabilities complete with directory information.

*International Handbook of Universities*, 1959-2001.

### **L 900 .I58 Watson Reference Desk**

Listed by country, basic information on colleges and universities includes contact information, admission requirements, student enrollment figures, departments, department heads, library facilities, and degrees offered.

*Kansas Educational Directory*, 1912-present.

### **L903 .K3 A3 Watson Reference Desk and Regents Center Reference (Edwards Campus)**

Lists elementary, secondary, and post secondary schools and related information. Near the end of the publication is a brief section with facts and statistics.

*The National Faculty Directory*, 1970-present.

### **L 901 .N34 Watson Reference Desk**

Brief listings include department, university or college, address, and phone number. (Also available: *European Faculty Directory*, L 914.5 .E95 Watson Reference.)

*Patterson's American Education*, 1904-present. Annual.

### **L 901 .P3 Watson Reference Desk**

A directory of elementary, middle, secondary, and post-secondary schools, which lists phone numbers of superintendents and principals by district. Also included are charter schools, Bureau of Indian Affairs schools, Department of Defense Dependent schools, Catholic superintendents, Lutheran superintendents, and Seventh-Day Adventist superintendents.

*Peterson's Guide to Four-Year Colleges*, 1966-Present. Annual.

**L 901 .P447 Watson Reference Desk**

Contains information provided by colleges on their undergraduate programs, entrance requirements, entrance difficulty, and financial aid. Also includes a handy majors directory.

*Peterson's Annual Guides to Graduate Study*, 1966-present.

**L 901 .P446, vols. 1-6 Watson Reference Desk**

Similar to the Peterson's guide for undergraduates, but organized in separate volumes by fields of study. Volume 1 is professional programs, 2 is humanities, arts, and social sciences, 3 is biological sciences, 4 is math, agriculture, and environmental sciences, 5 is engineering, and 6 is education, health, information studies, law, and social work.

*Research Centers Directory*, 26<sup>th</sup> ed., 2003.

**AS 25 .D5, vols. 1-2 Watson Reference Desk**

Volume 1 has a lengthy section on education, with addresses and descriptions of activities at research centers related to education.

*Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory*

**Available from the Information Gateway on the Libraries' Web site**

<http://www.lib.ku.edu>.

Providing contact information, this database contains over 210,000 periodicals, annuals, and irregulars published worldwide. A good place to find out where a journal is indexed.

Cabell, David W. E. *Cabell's Directory of Publishing Opportunities in Education*.

**Available from the Information Gateway on the Libraries Web site**

<http://www.lib.ku.edu>.

Provides details on editorial policy, manuscript requirements, acceptance rate, etc.

**Biographical Sources**

*Who's Who in American Education*, 1994-2003/2004.

**LA 2311 .W46 Watson Reference Desk**

In most cases, the 23,000 biographies have furnished the information in this source. Included are job title, birthplace and date, parents, spouse, children, education, career history, and professional activities.

Gordon, Peter. *Biographical Dictionary of North American and European Educationists*, 1997.

**LA 2301 .G67 1997 Watson Reference**

Only the deceased are included. Biographies must have played a significant role in shaping modern Western traditions and systems of education.

Ohles, John F. *Biographical Dictionary of American Educators*, 1978.

**LA 211 .B54 vols. 1-3 Watson Reference and Regents Center Library (Edwards Campus)**

Over 1600 entries include biographies of both the living and the deceased. To be included, biographees had to have reached age 60, retired, or died by 1975. Includes education, employment, and contributions to education, professional activities, and references to further information.

Ohles, John F. *Biographical Dictionary of Modern American Educators*, 1997.

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This E-book continues the *Biographical Dictionary of American Educators*.

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