

ERIC

Educational Resources Information Clearinghouse

What is ERIC?

The ERIC database, compiled by the U.S. Department of Education, is used to identify articles and other documents concerning education and related fields. The full text of some items is available in ERIC; the database also provides links to full-text items available elsewhere. ERIC coverage runs from 1966-present.

Getting Started

- Go to the library's homepage: <http://library.stkate.edu>
- Go to **Find Articles** and click on **Databases and Indexes**.
- In the list of **CSC favorites** on the right, click on ERIC

*Off-campus users will need to sign in with their Gateway login or St. Kate's network ID and password.

Quick Search (blue tab)

- Type your word(s) or phrase(s) into the box.
- You can limit your search by date range using the drop-down box.
- Click the "Search" button.

Enter search terms and phrases here → classroom management and student behavior

Search Tips: e.g., wildcar*, exact phrase

Now Selected: ERIC

Change: -- Subject Area -- or [Specific Databases](#)

Date Range: 2000 to Current

Search

Search Results Display, including marking and printing

Your search results will display in reverse date order.

- To read the full abstract, click on the article title. To return to the title list, click **Return to Results**
- To keep track of items that interest you, **mark** an item by clicking in the box at the top of the record. Retrieve the list of records by clicking **Marked Records**.
- You may save, print or email single records or your marked list.

Clicking on the title will bring you to the record, not full text.

2. [Early Childhood School Success: Recognizing Families as Integral Partners](#)
 Arndt, Janet S.; McGuire-Schwartz, Mary Ellen
 Childhood Education; v84 n5 p281 Ann 2008
 ... transition from home or a child care environment to *school*. Transition experiences need to consider the child, including children's cognitive, socio-emotional, and physical readiness for learning. It is equally important to consider the ways ...
 Accession Number: EJ801282
[View Record](#) | [Find full text](#)

Click in box to mark record.

Click to see if St. Kate's has access to this article.

Finding the article

- Some records have a link: **Full-text Linking**. If the item is available it will open in a new window.
- Every record has a link: **Find full text**. Click this to see if the journal is held in the St. Kate's print collection, or available online. If the journal is online, follow the links until you find the article. Be persistent! A message **Sorry, no holdings** means we don't own this journal at all.

Advanced Search (green tab)

- Select the **Advanced Search** tab for more powerful searching options.
- Your search may be limited by Date Range, Latest Update, Journal Articles Only, and English Only
- A search may be deleted by clicking on the "Clear" button.

The screenshot shows the Advanced Search interface with the following elements:

- Search fields: (family school relationship; or [] or [])
- Search fields: and [] (cultural awareness or cultural differences or [])
- Search fields: and [] ([] or [] or [])
- Dropdown menus: Descriptors, DE=, Keywords, KW=, Keywords, KW=
- Buttons: Search, Clear
- Search Tips: e.g., wildcard*, exact phrase; use Keywords for a single search of Title, Abstract, Descriptors
- Callout box: Select field in which the term(s) must appear. The default is **keyword**.

Search Tools (purple tab)

Tabs for additional search options are available in this section; two of these are mentioned below.

Thesaurus

A thesaurus provides a standard set of terms for describing topics. These terms appear in the **descriptor** field of each record. Searching by descriptor, using the thesaurus, will find articles that are the most relevant to your topic.

- Type a term and the type of thesaurus to display. **Hierarchy** or **Rotated Index** displays are more useful than Alphabetic. Click **Go** to search.
- Mark the box of the term(s) you wish to search. Select whether to combine terms using **OR** or **AND**.
- Click on **Search**.

History/ Combine Searches

Search History shows each search you have done during your ERIC session. Several actions are available here.

- **Save** lets you store a search in a personal account so the results will be available the next time you search ERIC. Use **Saved Searches** to retrieve your search(es).
- **View Results** lets you go back and view the results of that search.
- You can also **Combine Searches** together, and include additional search terms if you wish.

Getting Help

ERIC provides a **Help** link on each page, and **Search Tips** links on the Quick and Advanced search pages.

*Please ask a Reference Librarian or call the Reference Desk
at 651-690-6652 for assistance.*