



## SOME WEB SITES DEALING WITH EDUCATION

(Please notify a librarian if any of these links do not work.)

**Academic Ranking of World Universities** - Annual ranking of the top 500 universities based on a variety of indicators. Includes top-100 lists for Europe, North and Latin America, and Asia Pacific universities. Rankings go back to 2003. <http://ed.sjtu.edu.cn/ranking.htm>

**Back to School: America's Changing Classrooms** - CNN looks at how "new educational options — such as charter schools, home schools and distance learning — are gaining ground and remain a subject of debate." Includes an overview of alternatives to traditional classrooms, a timeline of the evolution of the classroom in the United States starting in the 1600s, and a look at classes outside of regular classrooms, such as zoos and language programs. <http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2004/back.to.school>

**Center on Reinventing Public Education** - Provides downloadable reports related to the center's activities, including reform and governance research, new ideas and models, and tools and guides for communities concerned with improving public education. Searchable. <http://www.crpe.org>

**Certification Requirements for 50 States** - Provides links to teaching certification requirements for each state. Also includes links to online position announcements and other related sites. <http://www.uky.edu/Education/TEP/usacert.html>

**\*Child Care and Early Education Research Connections** - Provides free access to nearly 9,000 resources from the various disciplines related to child care and early education and covering a broad spectrum of research, including information on child care and early education experiences of children from birth through age 8. When addressing school-age child care, the literature addresses children to age 13. Other subjects include parents and families using child care and early education services, the early childhood and school-age child care workforce, childcare and early education settings, and national, state, and local child care and early learning policies. Can search for grants, jobs, and events from the home page. Accepts all research and related documents in the field without peer review, making it essential that users evaluate the quality of research they find. Provides a link to "Assessing Research Quality." Links to other research evaluation sites and print resources are also provided. Also searches more than 200 journals and 245 Web sites on a regular basis to maintain currency. Also includes some pre-1995 publications. Allows users to perform basic and advanced searches. Results are marked with icons that allow users to determine if a citation is a Research Connections publication or if it is a peer reviewed journal article. Users can also see immediately if an article is available in full text. Links to technical assistance provide detailed information about search capabilities and downloading datasets. <http://www.childcareresearch.org/>

**College and University Rankings** - Provides annotated lists of online sources of information on the ranking of institutions of higher education, as well as a prominent and well designed section (with hot-linked footnotes) titled "Caution and Controversy" on the validity and usefulness of such rankings, and a bibliography of related print and online resources. Sites that rank institutions are arranged by type of program: General/Undergraduate, Graduate/Research, Business, Law, and International. [www.library.uiuc.edu/edx/rankings.htm](http://www.library.uiuc.edu/edx/rankings.htm)

**Constitution Day Resources for Educators** - Collection of links to sites relating to this September 17 event commemorating the adoption of the U.S. Constitution. Features links to classroom activities and lesson plans. [http://www.gmc.edu/library/Constitution\\_Day.htm](http://www.gmc.edu/library/Constitution_Day.htm)

**Disability Studies for Teachers** - "Contains lesson plans and materials designed to help teachers integrate disability studies into social studies, history, literature, and related subjects in grades 6-12. The plans and materials also can be adapted for use in postsecondary education." Browseable by lesson unit, grade, subject, era, disability, or topic. Also includes teacher resources and information about differentiated instruction. <http://www.disabilitystudiesforteachers.org/>

**\*Education Statistics at a Glance** - Provides access to major reference tools: Condition of Education, Digest of Education Statistics, Projections of Education Statistics, Education Indicators: An International Perspective, and Youth Indicators. Browse topics or do a full-text search (including a cross-title search) of the most recent editions or past editions. [nces.ed.gov/edstats](http://nces.ed.gov/edstats)

**\*Education World** - Includes lesson plans, articles on current issues, web site reviews and a search engine oriented to educational sites on the Internet. Sections include lesson plans, school issues, professional development, technology in the classroom, administrator's desk, site reviews and classroom management. "Technology in the Classroom" offers detailed lessons using the Internet as a resource. <http://www.educationworld.com/>

**Educator's Reference Desk** - Access to "2,000+ lesson plans, 3,000+ links to online education information, and 200+ question archive responses. ... provides a search interface to the ERIC [Educational Resources Information Center] Database, providing access to over one million bibliographic records on educational research, theory, and practice." Has an A-Z topics list. Updated monthly and includes citations from 1966 to the present. Searchable. <http://eduref.org/>

**FactCheck.org: Annenberg Political Fact Check** - Monitors "the factual accuracy of what is said by major U.S. political players in the form of TV ads, debates, speeches, interviews, and news releases." Original articles analyze and comment on political claims and statements, providing summaries and the facts. Searchable. From the Annenberg Public Policy Center (APPC) of the University of Pennsylvania. <http://www.factcheck.org/>

#### **FactCheckEd.org: Annenberg Classroom Fact Check**

A collection of classroom materials focused on helping students learn how to research and examine messages and claims encountered in media and advertising. Provides lesson plans, websites recommended for research, answers to common questions about government and politics, a dictionary, and a discussion forum for teachers. From the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania. <http://www.factchecked.org>

**Fifty Years of Supporting Children's Learning: A History of Public School Libraries and Federal Legislation from 1953-2000** - "Drawn from more than 50 sources, this [March 2005] report presents descriptive data about public school libraries since 1953. Along with key characteristics of school libraries, the report also presents national and regional standards, and federal legislation affecting school library media centers. Data from sample surveys are presented at the national, regional, and school levels, and by state." From the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), U.S. Department of Education. <http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2005311>

**International Comparisons in Education** - Collects, analyzes, and disseminates "statistics and other data related to education in the United States and other nations." Includes education indicators and trends in mathematics and science, reading, civic education, and adult literacy. Data also available relating to primary, secondary, and higher education. <http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/international/>

**\*Knowledge Loom: What Works in Teaching and Learning** – A database of best practices in education that provides teachers with tested, real-life practices in education, with a forum for discussion and participation.

Except where indicated, descriptions adapted from the [Librarians' Index to the Internet \(www.lii.org\)](http://www.lii.org) or the UCSD Libraries web site.

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\*Descriptions adapted from issues of [Booklist](#), [College & Research Libraries News](#), [Library Journal](#), [Reference & User Services Quarterly](#), and [ResearchBuzz](#) (<http://www.researchbuzz.org/wp/>).

One can view resource materials on a particular topic or search the entire database through a variety of search options: theme, keyword, and full-text. [www.eduref.org](http://www.eduref.org)

**Literature for Children** - A digitized "collection of the treasures of children's literature published largely in the United States and Great Britain from before 1850 to beyond 1950." Features more than 550 titles by almost 300 authors. Browsable by author or title; searchable by keyword, author, title, and subject. Also includes a section on color in literature for children and color management strategies for reproduction of children's literature. <http://susdl.fcla.edu/juv/>

**Master Plan for Higher Education in California** - Features "the major documents of relevance to the 1960 Master Plan and subsequent reviews of that plan. ... including links and documents related to the 1999-2004 legislative effort to develop a new Master Plan for Education, Kindergarten through University." <http://www.ucop.edu/acadinit/mastplan/>

**National Education Association: Tenure** - A collection of articles from the National Education Association (NEA), which has a strong policy in favor of tenure," about tenure for faculty members in higher education. Also includes a link to the NEA's policy statement on academic and intellectual freedom and tenure in higher education. <http://www2.nea.org/he/tenure.html>

**PIKA: Canadian Children's Literature Database** - Provides bibliographic information for the over 35,000 titles held in the National Library's Canadian Children's Literature Service Collection. "Records for recent titles have been enriched by the addition of summaries and age levels." Available in English and French. Searchable. From the National Library of Canada. <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/pika/index-e.html>

**\*Rate My Teachers** - Students rate their teachers on easiness, helpfulness, and clarity, adding brief and honest comments. Each school has a student administrator responsible for reading the anonymous submissions. Searching is by school name or state. [www.ratemyteachers.com](http://www.ratemyteachers.com)

**\*RateMyProfessors.com** - A listing of ratings by students of current and past professors on attributes such as helpfulness and clarity. Covers the United States, Canada, England, Scotland and Wales with new ratings added each day. <http://www.ratemyprofessors.com>

**Safe Schools Coalition (SSC)** - Features publications and stories on gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues. Also includes information and links to international, national, and Washington state resources. Links are also organized by type, topic, and audience. Some materials in Spanish. Searchable. <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/>

**School: The Story of American Public Education** - "Chronicles the development of our nation's public education system from the late 1770s to the 21st century." Includes essays on school choice, bilingual education, and tests and standards. Also include profiles of education innovators, a photo gallery, and a "Then and Now" section on changes in classroom items (such as blackboards and pencils) and procedures. <http://www.pbs.org/kcet/publicschool>

**Separate Is Not Equal: Brown v. Board of Education** - Covers the May 17, 1954 landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision. Traces the history of segregation, the battle for education, and the events leading to the historic decision. Includes an annotated bibliography, teacher's guide, and timeline of events leading up to the decision. <http://americanhistory.si.edu/brown/>

**TEACH Toolkit: An Online Resource for Understanding Copyright and Distance Education** – Covers the Technology, Education, and Copyright Harmonization Act (TEACH Act) dealing with copyright. Features a summary and the text of TEACH and information on implementation, best practices, and fair use. Also includes compliance checklists, a permissions guide, and copyright tutorials. <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/scc/legislative/teachkit/>

**What to Wear to School: The Great Debate Over Dress Codes and School Uniforms** - Discusses the pros and cons of school uniforms, and uniforms versus dress codes. Also includes links to related articles about clothing shopping for back to school, and to related sites. <http://www.greatschools.net/cgi-bin/showarticle/ga/361>

For books, consult **SOME RESOURCES ON EDUCATION AVAILABLE IN THE MESA COLLEGE LIBRARY** handout.

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