

British Education Index/ERIC

Searching the British Education Index/ERIC

The preferred way to search is by using the Thesaurus. This way you are more likely to retrieve articles on your particular subject. It allows you to combine your searches and also save your search history.

Click on the **Thesaurus** button and type your search term in to the box. Click on the **Browse** button.

The **Thesaurus** maps your entry to a selection of possible subject headings. For example, curriculum design maps to curriculum planning.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the EBSCO Thesaurus interface. The search term 'curriculum design' is entered in the search box, and the 'Browse' button is clicked. The results are displayed as a list of terms with checkboxes on the left and an 'Explode' checkbox on the right. The terms listed include:

- CURRICULUM design Use CURRICULUM planning
- CURRICULUM development Use CURRICULUM planning
- CURRICULUM development theories Use CURRICULUM theories
- CURRICULUM enrichment
- CURRICULUM evaluation
- CURRICULUM evaluation – Universities & colleges Use UNIVERSITIES & colleges – Curricula – Evaluation
- CURRICULUM frameworks
- CURRICULUM implementation
- CURRICULUM laboratories Use INSTRUCTIONAL materials centers
- CURRICULUM libraries Use INSTRUCTIONAL materials centers
- CURRICULUM materials Use TEACHING aids & devices
- CURRICULUM planning
- CURRICULUM planning (Higher education) Use CURRICULUM planning – Universities & colleges
- CURRICULUM planning – Librarian participation Use SCHOOL librarian participation in curriculum planning

The interface also includes navigation options like 'Previous' and 'Next', and a 'Select term, then add to search using: [OR] [Add]' section.

You get a list of terms. Check a box on the left next to a term to add to your search using AND, OR, NOT. Continue with other terms which will be added to the search box at the top of the screen. If you tick the Explode box you will increase the number of results to include narrower terms.

Using the Search History tab

Your search statements are listed with a search number (S1, S2 etc.)

Click on the **Clear** button to clear the find box. Select each of the search terms you wish to combine (e.g. S1 AND S2) The default is to combine the terms using **AND** which means all the terms have to be in the result. This makes your search result smaller.

To retrieve either term, e.g. if you were searching for synonymous terms select **OR** instead of **AND**. This will make your search result larger.

Click on **Search** to run the search and display the results.

The screenshot displays the EBSCOhost search interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the query: ((DE "CURRICULUM planning") AND (DE Select a Field (optional))). Below the search bar, there are options for "AND" and "OR" to combine search terms. The "Search History/Alerts" section shows a table of search history:

| Select / deselect all | Search with AND | Search with OR | Delete Searches | Refresh Search Results |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | S2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | S1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

The "Search Results" section shows two results:

- Enrichment and engagement in mathematics**
By: Santos, Sara; Barnby, Patrick. *Proceedings of the British Society for Research into Learning Mathematics*. Apr 2010, Vol. 30 Issue 1, p199-206. 8p. (AN: BEI 197698)
Subjects: ACADEMIC enrichment; ACTIVITY programs in education; MATHEMATICAL enrichment; MATHEMATICS -- Study & teaching; MATHEMATICS teachers; SCHOOL enrollment; STUDENT participation; SECONDARY school students; SECONDARY school teachers; TEACHER development; CONTINUING education; SECONDARY education
- Synthèse d'une étude longitudinale portant sur les effets d'un programme de maternelle 4 ans à temps plein**
By: Maltais, Claire; Herry, Yves; Emond, Isabelle; Mougeot, Catherine. *International Journal of Early Childhood*. Mar 2011, Vol. 43 Issue 1, p67-85. 19p. Language: French. Abstract: Since September 2000, the French Catholic School Board of Central and Eastern Ontario (CECLFCE) (Ontario, Canada), has decided to offer a full-day educational program instead of his half-day educational program to all 4-year-old children of its territory. Given the educational, financial and political stakes inherent in the establishment of the full-day preschool program, the CECLFCE has opted to conduct an evaluation of this project in order to determine its effects on

Limiting Your Results

If your search result is still large you can reduce the number of hits by applying additional limits. Look at **Refine Results** on the left and click on **Show More** to get a number of potential limiters.

Publication Year. Use the slider to select the date range you are interested in and the results list will automatically update.

Avoid using the **Full Text** limit as you may miss important articles that are available as hard copy in the library or as interlibrary loans. Where the full text is available through the British Education Index or ERIC you will see the PDF icon and you can click it to open up the full text article. You may also see SFXUoP and Check PRIMO for full text; this is where you check if you are able to link through to PRIMO to see if

we have the full text of the article. The more limits you select the smaller your result will be.

Printing, saving, emailing your results

Click on the title of the article to view useful information such as the subject headings assigned to the article, the document type, and the abstract.

If you want to print, email or save multiple items, click on the **Add to Folder** icon to the right of each article. When you are ready to print, save or email, go to the **Folder View at the top of the screen.**

The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost search interface. At the top, there's a search bar with 'lifelong learning' entered and a dropdown menu set to 'Select a Field (optional)'. Below it, there are two more search terms: 'AND skills' and another dropdown menu. The search results are displayed in a table with columns for Search ID#, Search Terms, Search Options, and Actions. The first result is '1. A new vision for skills and lifelong learning.' by STANISTREET, PAUL. The interface also includes a 'Refine Results' section on the left and a 'Folder has Items' notification on the right.

| Search ID# | Search Terms | Search Options | Actions |
|------------|---|------------------------------------|--|
| S4 | lifelong learning AND skills | Search modes - Boolean/Phrase | View Results (189) View Details Edit |
| S3 | primary education AND dyslexia | Search modes - Boolean/Phrase | View Results (6) View Details Edit |
| S2 | ((DE "CURRICULUM planning") AND (DE "CURRICULUM evaluation")) AND (DE "CURRICULUM enrichment" OR DE "MATHEMATICAL enrichment" OR DE "READING enrichment") | Search modes - SmartText Searching | View Results (200) View Details Edit |
| S1 | ((DE "CURRICULUM planning") AND (DE "CURRICULUM evaluation")) AND (DE "CURRICULUM enrichment" OR DE "MATHEMATICAL enrichment" OR DE "READING enrichment") | Search modes - Boolean/Phrase | View Results (0) View Details Edit |

On the next screen you will see all the articles you have selected and the options to print, email or save on the right.

Sign In at the top of the screen, allows you to create an account so you can log in to **My EBSCOhost** and create a personalised folder for saving your results and searches after you log out.

Please contact the library staff if you are need further help with searching.

If you require further assistance or advice please contact your Information Specialist or email: informationspecialists@plymouth.ac.uk

