**Top tips**

**ERIC database**

ERIC is the premier U.S. database of education literature. This database features citations, abstracts and in some cases the full text of articles from scholarly journals and trade publications in education and related fields. ERIC Documents are included with documents from 1993 to present available in full text.

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### Getting started

You want to find peer-reviewed research articles on the topic of trauma-informed practices in schools. Prepare to search by generating keywords and breaking down your topic into the concepts you want in the search results.

For example:

**Concept 1**: trauma-informed is a type of practice.

**Concept 2**: teaching or learning or classrooms are places to apply trauma-informed practices.

A note about the power of **and** or **or** in searches:

Use **and** between your concepts to narrow search results to items with both concepts.

Use **or** between keywords to broaden the search to include related keywords for a single concept.
**Tip 1: Searching**

ERIC opens to this search form, with boxes available for each concept you are searching. Enter the **keywords for your topic**. Use one search box for each concept. Add a row if needed.

**Tip 2: Limiting results**

Sometimes **narrowing search results** is necessary to meet the needs of an assignment. Publication Date, Document Type, Education Level, Language and Target Audience are limits often used to narrow search results in ERIC.
Tip 3
Evaluating results

First read the abstract to determine if the topic, variables studied or type of study meets your needs. For instance this article is a review article which summarize the research on a topic to date.

Tip 4
Accessing and managing results

Citation managers help you save and organize your citations and to find more information visit: https://libguides.asu.edu/CitationManagement

Click for a citation in the style of your choosing, including APA (American Psychological Association).

The full text may be available in:
- ERIC
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