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Basic Search

To search the collection, type the word or phrase into the main search box.

The screenshot shows the ERIC search interface. The 'Collection' tab is highlighted in blue. Below the tabs is a search box with the text 'Search education resources'. To the right of the search box is a blue 'Search' button and a link for 'Advanced Search Tips'.

Thesaurus Search

A word can be associated with many other synonyms. For example, “child” may be associated with “young children” and reveal related topics such as “child advocacy.” Therefore, use of one keyword may not retrieve all relevant results. The Thesaurus Search helps generate relevant terms and topics. Here is how to use:

1. Select “Thesaurus” from the ERIC toolbar

The screenshot shows the ERIC search interface with the 'Thesaurus' tab selected. The search box contains the text 'Search thesaurus descriptors'. To the right of the search box is a green 'Search' button and a link for 'Browse Thesaurus'. Below the search box are two checkboxes: 'Include Synonyms' and 'Include Dead terms'.

2. Next, type the following:
 - a. Search- Type the word in the search box (ex. child).
 - b. Browse Thesaurus– You can search alphabetically or by category (see above).
3. Click on the term that best meets your requirements. For example, *child advocacy*.

The screenshot shows a list of search results. The first result, 'Child Advocacy', is highlighted with a red box. Below it are 'Child Behavior' and 'Child Care'.

4. Then click on [Search collection using this descriptor](#) button, which will search your term within the collection.

5. Select the article from the results. Remember to filter your results for “Full text available on ERIC.”

6. Alternatively, selecting the “save” option will send the first 50 article results to your email. This could provide a good checkpoint in your research process.

The screenshot shows an email notification form. At the top, it says 'Showing 1 to 15 of 2,162 results' with links for 'Save' and 'Export'. Below that is a message: 'Send an email containing a link to this search page and a summary of the results (limited to 50)'. There is an input field for 'Enter your e-mail address' and two buttons: 'Send e-mail' and 'Close'.

Filtering Results

ERIC has several great categories to filter the results. Here are some highlights:

- Educational Level
 - Filter results based on the grade or department of education. Choose from a wide variety of options from preschool to adult education.
- Audience
 - Search for articles written for a specific audience. For example, click *teacher* for articles written directly for educators.
- Publication Type
 - Filter to find resources by books, teaching guides, evaluation reports, lesson plans, questionnaires, translations and much more!
- Location
 - Specify resources by country. This is useful when looking for a specific case study in a region.

EDUCATION LEVEL	
Higher Education	90
Postsecondary Education	65
Secondary Education	34
Elementary Education	30
High Schools	19
Middle Schools	14
Elementary Secondary Education	13
Early Childhood Education	11
Junior High Schools	8
Primary Education	6
Grade 4	5
Grade 8	5
Preschool Education	4

AUDIENCE	
Practitioners	24
Teachers	16
Administrators	7
Researchers	7
Parents	4
Students	4
Policymakers	3
Community	1
Counselors	1
Media Staff	1
Support Staff	1