

# Finding Full Text from the ERIC Database

(A guide for off-campus students)

Not all of the results you find in ERIC will have the full text readily available, so here are some steps to help you locate it.

Items in the ERIC database may be either journal articles or ERIC "documents." The item type determines the steps you should take to locate the full text. To begin, locate the item's ERIC number.

## Journal Articles

An ERIC number beginning with "EJ" indicates that the item was originally published in some kind of periodical (journal, magazine, or newspaper).

1. Write down the "source" information (i.e., journal title, volume/issue, page numbers, and publication date).

2. Search the Periodical Finder (from the Library home page, click the "Periodical Finder" link) for the journal title (NOT the article title).

3. If we have the journal electronically, you will see a link to access it.

4. If we have the article in "print/microform," you can fill out the Interlibrary Services form (from the Library home page, click "Request Materials (ILL)") and we will email a copy of the article to you, free of charge.

5. If we don't have access to the journal at all, fill out the Interlibrary Services form. We will obtain a copy of the article from another library (there is a \$2 fee for this service).

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## ERIC Documents

An ERIC number beginning with "ED" indicates that the item was originally published as a book, a government report, a dissertation, a lesson plan, a conference paper, etc.

1. If the item is a book, try searching the APU Library Catalog (<http://patris.apu.edu/>) for it.

2. If APU owns the book, you can fill out the Interlibrary Services form (from the Library home page, click "Request Materials (ILL)") and we will get a copy of the article for you from another library, and mail it to your home address free of charge (return postage included).

3. If APU doesn't own the book, search LINK+ (from the Library home page, click the "LINK+" link). If you find the book in LINK+, click "Request this Item," fill out the form, and we will mail the book to you (free of charge, return postage included).

4. We should have all non-book ERIC documents on microfiche. If you need a copy of one of these, fill out the Interlibrary Services form and we will mail you a copy (see step 2).