SCOPE: The purpose of this pathfinder is to introduce some of the resources available in Specker Library and on the web in the field of Education. Please note that this guide is not a comprehensive listing of sources, but is intended to be a starting point from which students can begin their research according to their specific need.

The Education Resource Room contains materials for those in anticipation of being in the classroom—Library 1st fl., south end- behind Reference section. Materials for classroom activities, lesson plans, state standards, and primary textbooks can be found here. This room can also be used for individual or small group viewing of videotapes and DVDs.

Calumet College Pegasus Resources (all located in this library): (L thru LB in the general collection, library Tower- 1st mezzanine, Education books which can be checked out).


Education/teaching -- sample online databases (periodical indexes) accessible through CCSJ:

- **Professional Development Collection** – entirely education topics; 60% of journals indexed are peer-reviewed  
- **ERIC** (Educational Resource Information Center) – excellent historical database; full-text and use ILL for others  
- **Academic Search Premier** (multidisciplinary database) -- college-level articles on all topics; full-text and ILL  
- **PsycARTICLES** -- education topics covered; lots of full-text articles

To locate articles in professional journals and periodicals on campus or at home:

From the college’s homepage, [www.ccsj.edu](http://www.ccsj.edu), click on library on the left-hand side of the page to go to the Specker Library homepage. Then either click on the title -Journal Articles and Online Databases (lower center), to see individual database titles or click on the tab marked -Databases at the top of the page to search several databases at once. If you do, remember there will be many more -hits to sift through.

**Specialized U.S. websites dealing with Education :**

- *Indiana's Academic Standards*  
- *Indiana Department of Education*  
- *School City of Whiting webpage*  
- *Illinois State Board of Education*  
- *Veterans Educational*  
- *U.S. Department of Education*  
- *National Center for Education Statistics*  
- *Just for Teachers. U.S. Department of Education*

**Federal Resources for Educational Excellence**  

- *American Federation of Teachers*  
- *National Board for Professional Teaching Standards*
A research log might save you time by
- helping keep track of successful and unsuccessful search terms and databases and
- avoiding duplicating the same search

If you’re not certain how useful an article or website might be, print the citation page or first page. You’ll have enough details to quickly find the same article again, if need be.

**Education-- sample search terms and research log:**
ADD/ADHD, autism/Asperger’s syndrome, Down Syndrome, dyslexia, exceptional children, fine motor skills, gender/sexual identity, gross motor skills, language development, -No Child Left Behind, reading...

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As always, for more help on finding authoritative and trustworthy sources or fine tuning search terms, call the Library (219-473-4376) or e-mail us at reference@ccsj.edu.

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