Getting into a Database
From the University Libraries’ homepage sc.edu/libraries click on Databases below the search box.
If you are off campus or on the wireless network you’ll be prompted for your username and password after you select a database.

On the A-Z Databases page, find Education as a Subject to see a list of databases or use the alphabetical links.

Building a Search
Break your topic into its most important parts. Brainstorm different terms.

**AND** all terms must be present narrows results

**OR** either term may be present widens a search, use synonyms

* wildcard for different endings
  math* = math, mathematics

Next scroll down for limits including:
  Peer Reviewed / Scholarly

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Spell terms out instead of using acronyms.

Search by Author
- Select Indexes (under More if you are searching two databases at once)
- Highlight Author
- Start typing the last name in the Browse for box (include a comma after the last name if you want to type the first initial).
- Click Browse button
- Check off all possible forms of your author’s name
- Add them to the search

See a search with limits in action (30 seconds)

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Analyzing the Results
Hover over the magnifying glass to see the article's abstract (summary) without having to click.

Students' Perceptions of Single-Gender Science and Mathematics Classroom Experiences.
By: Brown, Sherri L.; Ronau, Robert R. School Science and Mathematics, v112 n2 p66-87 Feb 2012. (EJ966084)
Subjects: Student Attitudes; Structural Equation Models; Self Efficacy; Measures (Individuals); Factor Analysis; Classroom Environment; Single Sex Classes; Gender Differences; Mathematics Instruction; Science Instruction: Grade 9; Urban Schools; High School Students; Self Concept; Educational Environment; Anxiety; Teaching Methods; Comparative Analysis

Getting the Articles (dissertations, book chapters, books)
Have the system put the citations into APA format for you (although you should still doublecheck the format, especially the capitalization of the article titles)! E-mail the results. Begin by either adding things to a folder or e-mail individual results by first clicking on the title. Search EBSCO databases a lot? Create your own EBSCOhost account so your folder remains after your searching session and you can set up alerts. Begin by clicking Sign In.

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If the ED number is lower than ED 483 046, we also have it on microfiche in Government Information on level 5 of Thomas Cooper Library.

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