PHYSICAL EDUCATION -- SEARCH TIPS BY DATABASE			
Database	**Contents**	***Limit to Research Studies**	**Other Helpful Limiters**
SPORTDiscus with Fulltext 1975-	▪ Sports journal articles (400+ are full text) ▪ Includes athletic training, some physiology, physical education, and more	▪ Check box to limit to "Peer-reviewed" ▪ Next to one search box, change "select a field" pull-down menu to "Abstract." Type in: **study**	▪ Limit to **English language** ▪ Limit to journal articles (publication type) ▪ **Literature reviews**: type literature review. Som eof the results will be actual literature reviews.
Education Research Complete	▪ 1990- ▪ Education-related journal articles (indexes 1500; 750 are fulltext) ▪ Some books and conference papers	Recommended: Check box to limit to "Peer-reviewed" journals ▪ Next to one search box, change "select a field" pull-down menu to "Abstract." Type in: **study**	
ERIC	• 1966- • Education-related journal articles • ERIC documents (reports, curriculum, teaching guides/activities, etc.)	Recommended: Check box to limit to "Scholarly (Peer-reviewed) journals" • Next to one search box, change "select a field" pull-down menu to "Abstract." Type in: **study**	• Educational levels: Scroll down to select, E.g., **elementary education; primary education OR add "elementary" [etc.] to search** • Instructional materials (practical teaching ideas) Under PUBLICATION TYPES**:** **Guides – Classroom - Learner** **Guides – Classroom – Teacher** • Limit to literature reviews: add "literature reviews" to search

Database Searching Tips for HHP Students

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Personal Assistance
Many of the databases listed are complex and all have their individual quirks. If you have difficulty locating appropriate articles, please contact me for assistance sooner rather than later. I enjoy helping students research; you will not be imposing!   (The other librarians are also glad to help you.)

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