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THE ERIC MAGNETIC TAPE DATA BASE IN BATCH MODE

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The results of this survey of 29 selected information centers that search the ERIC data base in batch mode are contained in Volume I of this report. Much of Volume I consists of detailed descriptions of the services provided and procedures used at 20 different installations which were visited in person. Volume II, which is available in microfiche form only, consists solely of printed materials obtained from twelve of these centers. These materials include such items as system descriptions, input forms, search evaluation forms, promotional brochures, and miscellaneous reports produced by the respective installations. They are presented here to give the reader a more complete picture of certain information centers in which he may be interested as well as to give him a general flavor of what types of brochures, forms, and reports exist at ERIC batch-searching centers.

Volume II may be regarded as an appendix to Volume I. It provides only supplemental information about some installations and, therefore, is merely an adjunct to Volume I which is the primary report of the survey.

The caution regarding the currency of the survey findings (Volume I, Section III) bears repeating here. The material contained in Volume II was collected at the time of the respective site visits. Operating procedures, volume or type of service, competing hardware, and/or other factors may have changed since the survey was conducted. Certain items of information presented in this report may now be out-of-date. To obtain any up-to-the-minute information about a specific center one obviously must contact that center directly.
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USER'S GUIDE

to

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Northern Colorado Educational
Board of Cooperative Services

This GUIDE TO INFORMATION RETRIEVAL CENTER SERVICES includes descriptions, listings and request forms for these products:

PET - Packets of Educational Topics
CAT - Catalog of Computerized Searches
CAP - Current Awareness Profiles
SID - Individualized Search in Depth

Users requesting information on a particular topic are encouraged to scan individual product listings for PET, CAT and CAP, prior to submitting requests to this Center. SID requests may be submitted for those requests not covered within the other product areas.

Turn-around time on PET, CAT and CAP products is within eight days. SID profiles require two or three weeks to process because of the in-depth searching required to provide comprehensive information to the requester.

Educators interested in receiving any of the information products should complete and send the request form appropriate to their selection through the designated local information agent, or to the Information Retrieval Center.

Evaluations of these products by the individual users
PET

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ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE
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Performance Contracting
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Taxonomy of Educational Objectives

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Elementary Counseling and Guidance
Personnel
Processes of Counseling and Guidance
Secondary Counseling and Guidance
Theories of Counseling and Guidance

DIFFERENTIATED STAFFING
Differentiated Staffs
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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
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Student Grouping for Instruction

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INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA CENTERS
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- Materials and Selection
- Personnel
- Secondary I.M.C.'s

NEGOTIATIONS
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- Collective Negotiations: Teachers

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- Planning-Programming-Budgeting Systems

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION
- Scheduling
- School Facility and Design
- Year-Round Schools

SYSTEMS APPROACH
- A Systematic Approach to Education

TEACHING TECHNIQUES (see also: INDIVIDUALIZED INSTRUCTION; TEAM TEACHING)
- Diagnostic Teaching
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- Analysis
- Interpersonal Communication (non-verbal)
- Mini-courses
- Questioning Techniques
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- Sensitivity Training
- Simulation and Gaming

TEAM TEACHING
- Team Planned Instruction
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- Team Teaching-Secondary

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- Tutoring-Adult Involvement
- Tutoring-Student Involvement

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
- Career Information
- Vocational Education-Elementary
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- Vocational Education-Secondary
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Packet titles represent selected materials included within broad topic areas and provide general background information pertaining to those topics. PET consists of copies of periodical articles.

Packet materials are both manually searched and evaluated. The contents of each packet are constantly updated as new information appears in current periodicals.

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Name: ____________________________ Search Title: ____________________________

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Longmont, Colorado 80501

Date: ____________________________

Name: ____________________________

Title: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

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Telephone: ____________________________

PLEASE SEND ME THE FOLLOWING PACKETS:

Topic Category: ____________________________

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INTRODUCTION TO CAT

This catalog is a compilation of computerized subject searches selected from over 80,000 searches formulated by the Information Retrieval Center during the past three years. It is organized on principles consistent with Research in Education (RIE) and the Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors, both publications of the Educational Resources Information Center in Washington, D.C.

The searches included in this catalog were completed by the Information Retrieval Center in response to individual requests for information. As a group, they represent those educational questions most frequently asked by the user. Future issues of this catalog will contain new searches expanding coverage of the broad subject topic areas listed in the table of contents.

The catalog is designed to expand the services of the Information Retrieval Center by enabling the user to select from a field of most frequently requested searches and receive information in a minimum of time through automated processing. In order to provide this information in the shortest possible time, the computer searches will not be evaluated for relevancy by the Information Retrieval staff. Hence, some material of peripheral value may appear in a given search.
USER'S GUIDE TO CAT

The catalog is organized into major topics under which are listed the numbers and titles of the searches. Annotations have been included wherever necessary. An index appears after the listing of topics and searches.

You may use the index as a cross reference between major topics and as an aid in locating very specific concerns. The page numbers which follow each entry in the index will direct you to CAT titles dealing with particular topics.

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01002-CAT Educational Accountability
- Evaluation of educational objectives and administrator, teacher, and student performances.

02002-CAT Flexible and Modular Scheduling
- For high schools throughout the country.

02003-CAT Small Schools - Flexible & Modular
- Flexible and modular scheduling in rural and small schools.

02006-CAT Systems Approach in Educational Planning
- The use of educational technology and business management techniques for establishing educational objectives.

02007-CAT Educational Management by Objectives
- One of several systematic approaches to assist local school systems to identify and solve educational administrative problems.

02008-CAT Program Budgeting and PPBES
- (Program Planning Budgeting Evaluation Systems)
  A business management technique using a systematic approach to establish, review, and account for educational objectives within a school system.

02009-CAT Critical Path Method (CPM) & Program Evaluation and Review Technique (PERT)
- Techniques used in the decision-making process.
02010-CAT  Purchasing
Techniques and guidelines for school system purchasing.

02011-CAT  School Enrollment Projections
Methods and statistics on enrollment projections.

02012-CAT  Boards of Education and Legal Considerations
Laws governing school board actions, and legal issues involving school boards.

02013-CAT  Extended School Year
Information on the extended school year, quarter systems, trimester schedules, and year-round schools.

02014-CAT  School and Community Public Relations
Methods of improving and program descriptions of school and community public relations.

14019-CAT  Administrative Inservice Training
Preparing administrative personnel.

15003-CAT  Collective Negotiations - Administrative Role

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38004-CAT  Principal Role
The many responsibilities of the public school principal.

38016-CAT  Differentiated Staffing
Issues concerned with the use of a hierarchy of job descriptions for professional and paraprofessional personnel in a school system.

38018-CAT  School Superintendents
Role and responsibilities.
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38023-CAT  Training Program for Paraprofessionals in Education

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48003-CAT  Student Rights

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49002-CAT  Parent School Relationship

A broad coverage of parent conferences, parent-student conferences, and parent-teacher conferences.

50001-CAT  Administrative Personnel Qualifications

Techniques for avoiding the pitfalls of the "Peter Principle" in education.

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49002-CAT  Instruction

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All levels.

09003-CAT  Self-Concept in Vocational Development
09004-CAT  Counseling: Elementary

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09005-CAT  Secondary School Counseling
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Mainly at the secondary level.

28002-CAT  Ability Grouping at the Elementary Level
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05003-CAT Mass Media - Curriculum Development
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26004-CAT Mythology Instruction
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27006-CAT Spelling Instruction: Elementary

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Performance Based Teacher Education

For planners of teacher education programs.

Teacher Education for Innovation: Elementary

A broad coverage of innovative teacher education programs and programs which train prospective teachers for innovative systems in the elementary school.

Teacher Education for Innovation: Secondary

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13003-CAT Development of Behavioral Objectives: Secondary

27003-CAT Computer Assisted Instruction: Elementary
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27004-CAT Computer Assisted Instruction: Secondary
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27005-CAT Multimedia Instruction
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51002-CAT Team Teaching: Elementary
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CATALOG OF COMPUTERIZED SEARCHES IN EDUCATION (CAT)

The entries in this catalog have been selected from the field of questions which educational personnel have submitted to the Information Retrieval Center.

They are grouped and annotated under major topics with an index following the text to serve not only as a cross-reference between major topics, but also to aid in finding very specific topics.

Select the search which most closely approximates your needs. Please print all information requested below, being sure to include:

1. Both catalog number and title of search.

2. The catalog issue number from which you have selected this search. (This appears on the cover page.)

Limit one search per request form please.

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FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS:

Search
Name: __________________________ Title: __________________________

CATALOG REQUEST FORM

INFORMATION RETRIEVAL CENTER
NORTHERN COLORADO EDUCATIONAL BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES
830 South Lincoln
Longmont, Colorado 80501

Name: __________________________
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Address: _____________________________________________
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Telephone: __________________________

PLEASE SEND ME THE FOLLOWING CATALOG SEARCH:

CAT NO: __________________________ Catalog issue no: __________________________
CAT TITLE: __________________________

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CURRENT AWARENESS PROFILES

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INFORMATION RETRIEVAL CENTER

NORTHERN COLORADO EDUCATIONAL BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES
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Longmont, Colorado 80501
WHAT IS CAP AND WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?

CAP is a product of the Information Retrieval Center of the Northern Colorado Educational Board of Cooperative Services. It is produced quarterly and is designed to represent broad areas of subjects and activities in education. A Current Awareness Profile takes advantage of the fact that material supplied by the ERIC System is collected by specialized clearinghouses and indexed according to a system of broad descriptor groups as well as specific descriptor terms. CAP titles are derived from these broad descriptor groups.

WHAT DOES A CAP LOOK LIKE AND WHAT DOES IT CONTAIN?

A CAP contains from twenty to sixty abstracts in the familiar Information Retrieval Center format. A cover page, user's guide, evaluation form, and document request form are included with all profiles. Most of the information in the CAP will be relevant to a major topic area. The user must make the judgment on the value and relevance of a particular item according to his needs and interests.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE USES OF CAP?

The Information Retrieval Center staff suggests that CAP can serve a number of purposes. CAP may be used as a digest of activity in a field, an adjunct to ERIC Research in Education publications, an idea source for individualized searches from the Center, or as a "monitor" of educational information retrieval. We welcome suggestions from users on any aspect of the CAP material.

HOW DOES ONE SUBSCRIBE TO CAP SERVICES?

A request for CAP must be made on the Current Awareness Profile Request Form. The top half of the form lists the available CAP titles and the bottom half is completed by the user and returned to the Information Retrieval Center. The user may request as many CAP's as he or she wishes by using a separate form for each topic.

IMPORTANT

Each CAP will contain a renewal form. The user must return this form to the Center in order to receive the next quarterly update of his or her original CAP request.
CURRENT AWARENESS PROFILES (CAP)
DESCRIPTIVE ANNOTATIONS

SEARCH NO. 01001
TITLE: Administration
TEXT: This profile is a broad coverage of topics of interest to administrators at all levels and sectors of public education.

DESCRIPTORS:
Administrative Organization
Administrative Policy

SEARCH NO. 02001
TITLE: Art Education
TEXT: Topics much broader than classroom instruction appear in this profile. The focus is, however, art in the educational setting.

DESCRIPTORS:
Art Activities
Art Education
Art Materials
Art Teachers
Art Appreciation
Art Expression
Art Products
Arts Centers

SEARCH NO. 03001
TITLE: Audiovisual Materials
TEXT: In addition to materials, abstracts on devices and whole systems appear in this profile. Some overlap with the profile on A-V methods is inevitable.

DESCRIPTORS:
Film strips
Phonograph Records
Teaching Machines
Instructional Media
Tape Recordings

SEARCH NO. 04001
TITLE: Audiovisual Methods
TEXT: This profile is a companion to A-V Materials but has a distinct focus on methods for preparation, presentation, and administration of A-V products and programs.

DESCRIPTORS:
Audiovisual Centers
Multimedia Instruction
Audiovisual Instruction
TITLE: Collective Negotiations
TEXT: Material in this profile includes conditions and outcomes surrounding the field of Educational Negotiations as well as descriptions of the process.

DESCRIPTORS:
- Arbitration
- Collective Negotiation
- Negotiation Agreements
- Teacher Militancy
- Collective Bargaining
- Grievance Procedures
- Negotiation Impasses
- Teacher Strikes

TITLE: Counseling & Guidance
TEXT: This profile contains topics of interest to the entire guidance field including adult and vocational counseling.

DESCRIPTORS:
- Counseling Services
- Guidance Counseling
- Guidance Services

TITLE: Curriculum Planning & Development
TEXT: The intended focus of this profile is on method and practice of curriculum planning. Other facets of curriculum development inevitably appear in the profile from this vast field.

DESCRIPTORS:
- Curriculum Planning

TITLE: Educational Facilities
TEXT: Coverage of innovative building design and specifications appear here. Needs and general planning are included.

DESCRIPTORS:
- School Buildings
- School Design

TITLE: Educational Finance
TEXT: Numerous topics involving finance to a minor degree appear with general material dealing with purely financial concerns.

DESCRIPTORS:
- Bond Issues
- School Accounting
- Student Costs
- Financial Policy
- School Support
- Tax Support
SEARCH NO. 10001
TITLE: Elementary School Mathematics
TEXT: An abundant collection of tools, techniques and materials in this profile should be of particular value to teachers and consultants in the field.
DESCRIPTORS: Elementary School Mathematics

11001 TITLE: Fine Arts & Humanities
TEXT: The material in this profile is related to material found in the CAP on Art Education but is broadened to include theater arts, dance, music and humanities instruction.
DESCRIPTORS: Art Dance Humanities Humanities Instruction Music Theater Arts

12001 TITLE: Health & Physical Education
TEXT: In this profile the reader will find material on health and physical education facilities, programs, courses, and instructional materials as well as safety education and nutrition. All instructional levels are represented including mentally handicapped.
DESCRIPTORS: Health Education Physical Education

13001 TITLE: Instructional Grouping & Scheduling
TEXT: Most aspects of student grouping and scheduling appear in this profile. Material covers rural and urban schools from preschool through higher education.
DESCRIPTORS: Flexible Schedules Flexible Scheduling Grouping (Instructional Purposes) Grouping Procedures Schedule Modules

14001 TITLE: Language Arts
TEXT: Topics in language arts appear for migrant, disadvantaged and minority population as well as the majority of students in public education.
DESCRIPTORS: Language Arts
15001  TITLE: Library Service & Networks
TEXT: Current activity in the field of library and information science is presented in this profile. Topics on traditional as well as innovative practice are mixed in the printouts.

DESCRIPTORS:
Library Cooperation  Library Networks
Library Science  Library Services

16001  TITLE: Mentally Handicapped
TEXT: Current developments in the education of mentally handicapped or retarded individuals cover broad field of needs and programs.

DESCRIPTORS:
Mentally Handicapped

17001  TITLE: Elementary School Science
TEXT: Materials cover a broad spectrum on resources, instruction and evaluation in the sciences at the elementary level.

DESCRIPTORS:
Elementary School Science

17002  TITLE: Secondary School Science
TEXT: Materials cover a broad spectrum on resources, instruction and evaluation in the sciences at the secondary level.

DESCRIPTORS:
Secondary School Science

18001  TITLE: Outdoor Education
TEXT: The latest developments in the field of outdoor and environmental education appear in this profile. Focus on the topic statement is particularly sharp.

DESCRIPTORS:
Outdoor Education
19001  TITLE: Personnel
TEXT: The coverage of the personnel field is broad but fragmented in this profile.

DESCRIPTORS:
Personnel Evaluation Personnel Needs
Personnel Policy Personnel Selection

20001  TITLE: Physically Handicapped
TEXT: Practitioners will find broad coverage of the field. Theory and practice are freely mixed in the profile.

DESCRIPTORS:
Physically Handicapped

21001  TITLE: Planning and Evaluation
TEXT: Recent developments in applied systems analysis are strongly affecting the fields of educational planning and evaluation. Abstracts in this profile represent this development.

DESCRIPTORS:
Systems Analysis Systems Approach

22001  TITLE: Reading Instruction
TEXT: This profile is a mixture of theory and practice in reading instruction. A fair amount of material could find direct application in the classroom.

DESCRIPTORS:
Reading Instruction

23001  TITLE: School Libraries and IMC
TEXT: New ideas, techniques and procedures are presented in this profile on school libraries and instructional material centers. New organizational patterns are discussed that will be of interest to librarians and audiovisual directors.

DESCRIPTORS:
Instructional Materials Centers - School Libraries
24001 TITLE: Secondary School Mathematics
TEXT: The primary concern of this profile is instruction of secondary level mathematics. Other levels and topics concerning mathematics frequently appear.
DESCRIPTORS:
Mathematics Education
Secondary School Mathematics

25001 TITLE: Social Science
TEXT: Readers will find this profile to be a quick look through a keyhole at a vast field. Ideas for future searches may be found here.
DESCRIPTORS:
Social Sciences

26001 TITLE: Social Studies
TEXT: Teachers and consultants will find a fair amount of raw material for social studies programs at elementary and secondary levels.
DESCRIPTORS:
Social Studies

27001 TITLE: Student Behavior
TEXT: Recent activity in the study of the student as an important force in the educational system is collected here.
DESCRIPTORS:
Student Behavior

28001 TITLE: Student-Teacher Relationship
TEXT: The material in this profile is closely related to the CAP on Student Behavior. Practical problems and applications appear in fair number in the collection.
DESCRIPTORS:
Student Teacher Relationship
SEARCH NO. 29001  TITLE: Teaching Styles

TEXT: Teachers in all fields and specialties will find this profile to be a broad digest of techniques, styles and concerns happening in the field today. Subjects are highly varied.

DESCRIPTORS:
- Teaching Procedures
- Teaching Skills
- Teaching Styles

30001  TITLE: Tests & Testing

TEXT: Focus is primarily on test construction and validation. Practical applications suggest fair utility in this profile.

DESCRIPTORS:
- Test Construction
- Test Interpretation
- Test Reliability
- Test Selection
- Test Validity

31001  TITLE: Vocational Education

TEXT: Because of the extremely broad concern of the field of vocational education, this profile contains a small sampling of current activities based on a few limited terms.

DESCRIPTORS:
- Adult Vocational Education
- Area Vocational Schools
- Vocational High Schools
- Vocational Schools
Thirty-two educational topics for current awareness profiles (CAP) are listed below. The contents of each topic, when searched by the computer, will provide an overview of the subject requested. The current awareness is a quarterly review of educational activity in a particular field.

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List the number and title of the current awareness profile (CAP) desired on the request form below. PLEASE PRINT.

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FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS

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**CURRENT AWARENESS PROFILE REQUEST FORM**

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NORTHERN COLORADO EDUCATIONAL BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES
830 South Lincoln
Longmont, Colorado 80501

Date: _______________________

Name: _______________________

Title: _______________________

Address: _______________________

Telephone: _______________________

PLEASE SEND ME THE FOLLOWING CURRENT AWARENESS SEARCH:

CAP NO.: _______________________

CAP TITLE: _______________________

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WHAT IS SID?

Individualized SEARCH IN DEPTH is a service of the Information Retrieval Center reserved for those questions so specialized or complex as to require the individual attention of a member of the professional Retrieval Staff. A completed search contains computer printed references to resources in the educational literature. In order to best serve a wide range of requesters, three unique SID types have been developed:

**SID/RIE - SEARCH IN DEPTH ON RESEARCH IN EDUCATION**

Individualized RIE searches are retrieved from an automated data base containing over 50,000 abstracts of doctoral theses, project reports and research documents compiled at subject area clearinghouses throughout the ERIC network.

**SID/CIJE - CURRENT INDEX TO JOURNALS IN EDUCATION**

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**SID/AIM-ARM - ABSTRACTS OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, ABSTRACTS OF RESEARCH AND RELATED MATERIALS IN VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

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When the Information Retrieval Center determines that no one SID data base will meet the needs of a specific request, the staff, at their discretion, may offer the requester a combination of SID's. At the indication of the requester, a search may be run on more than one data base at a proportionate charge.

HOW DOES ONE REQUEST A SID?

Use the attached SID form. Print or type your request.
The most important factor in obtaining relevant information on your requested topic is effective communication with the Information Retrieval Center. Please think through the request thoroughly and fill in the form completely.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

The time required to complete a SID varies with the nature of the request and the amount of available information in the field. Average time required is from two to three weeks.

NOTE: THE REQUESTER AND/OR THE REMOTE CENTER SHOULD MAKE A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR THEIR OWN RECORDS.
INDIVIDUALIZED SEARCH IN DEPTH (SID)

INFORMATION RETRIEVAL CENTER
NORTHERN COLORADO EDUCATIONAL BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES
830 South Lincoln
Longmont, Colorado 80501

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _______________________________ DATE: _______________________________

POSITION/TITLE: _______________________________ TELEPHONE: _______________________________

ORGANIZATION(SCHOOL/DISTRICT): _______________________________ IS THIS YOUR FIRST REQUEST?

( ) YES ( ) NO

MAILING ADDRESS: _______________________________

CITY _______________ STATE _______________ ZIP _______________

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DATA BASE REQUESTED ________

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25,000 or more
10,000 to 24,999
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1,000 to 2,499
under 1,000

REQUEST SUBMITTED BY: (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

NAME: _______________________________

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THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN OBTAINING RELEVANT INFORMATION ON YOUR TOPIC IS EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION OF YOUR NEED TO THE INFORMATION RETRIEVAL CENTER. PLEASE THINK YOUR REQUEST THROUGH THOROUGHLY AND FILL IN THIS FORM COMPLETELY. CARE TAKEN AT THIS POINT WILL HAVE CONSIDERABLE EFFECT ON THE QUALITY OF THE INFORMATION YOU RECEIVE.

WHAT IS THE MAJOR SUBJECT AREA OF YOUR REQUEST?

TITLE: _______________________________

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING LEVELS APPLY TO YOUR TOPIC?

( ) PRE-PRIMARY ( ) ELEMENTARY ( ) JUNIOR COLLEGE
( ) KINDERGARTEN ( ) JUNIOR HIGH ( ) COLLEGE
( ) PRIMARY ( ) SENIOR HIGH ( ) GRADUATE
( ) INTERMEDIATE ( ) SECONDARY ( ) HIGHER ED.
( ) ADULT
( ) PROFESSIONAL
( ) NO LEVEL
( ) OTHER (Please Define)

(OVER)
WHAT IS THE GENERAL PURPOSE OF YOUR INFORMATION SEARCH?

( ) PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT  ( ) COURSE REVIEW OF LITERATURE
( ) PROJECT OPERATION  ( ) INSERVICE TRAINING
( ) CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT  ( ) SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS
( ) ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT  ( ) COMMUNICATIONS
( ) INSTRUCTIONAL IMPROVEMENT  ( ) OTHER: ______________________
( ) THESIS/DISSERTATION

DESCRIBE YOUR SPECIFIC INFORMATION NEEDS IN YOUR OWN WORDS, CONSIDERING THE INFORMATION INDICATED BY YOUR CHOICES AS CHECKED. BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE.

IF POSSIBLE, LIST AUTHORS' NAMES, PROJECT/PROGRAM TITLES, EDITION NUMBERS, DESCRIPTIVE TERMS, AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE HELPFUL SEARCH KEYS TO THE RETRIEVAL STAFF.

DATA BASE SEARCHED:
RIE
CIJE
A/A
MANUAL

DATA BASE MATERIAL SENT:
RIE
CIJE
A/A
MANUAL

PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS REQUEST FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.
INFORMATION PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FROM NCEBOS INFORMATION RETRIEVAL CENTER

PET - PACKET OF EDUCATIONAL TOPICS

Packet titles represent a sampling of selected periodical articles providing general background information pertaining to broad topic areas.

CAT - CATALOG OF COMPUTERIZED SUBJECT SEARCHES

CAT profiles contain abstracts from Research in Education, an ERIC publication including "fugitive literature." CAT searches include materials relevant to a specific portion of a general subject.

CAP - CURRENT AWARENESS PROFILES

Current Awareness Profiles are designed to give the information requester a broad, but not necessarily comprehensive, coverage of major educational areas of interest, to keep him up-to-date on happenings in a major field. CAP input comes from most recent RIE abstracts, and offers quarterly updates.

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For those requesters not receiving information products on a no-cost basis, the following price structure per title
is currently in effect:

- PET $12.00
- CAT $12.00
- CAP $12.00
- SID/RIE $17.00
- SID/CIJE $14.00
- SID/AIM-ARM $10.00

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NCEBOCS PERSONALIZED INSTRUCTION CENTER

Personalized instruction offers teacher-prepared teaching alternatives for use with kids to supplement their learning opportunities.

IMM-EM - Ideas for Manipulative Materials: Elementary Math

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COLAMDA Teacher Idea Cards and Student Activity Packets

COLAMDA grew from concerned teachers developing effective learning aids for unconcerned kids, specifically for low achievers in mathematics at the secondary level. The COLAMDA concept expanded to include workshops offering inservice training techniques for teachers as well as continued development of workable products for kids.

Supportive supplies for preparing concrete learning materials are also listed with unit prices below.

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*All COLAMDA materials are sold only to workshop participants and/or for reference purposes.

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Romie G. Lundquist, Assistant Director, 
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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT MONTHLY REPORT NO. 29  
FEBRUARY 1973

STATISTICAL INFORMATION:

TOTAL Number Requests Received - 107
TOTAL ERIC Requests Received - 96
TOTAL ERIC Requests Processed - 70
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**TOTAL** 103 55 159 205 522 10,147 26,155
Northern Colorado Educational BOCs
INFORMATION RETRIEVAL CENTER

REQUESTOR

INFORMATION RETRIEVAL STAFF

830 South Lincoln Street
Longmont, Colorado 80501
Phone: (303) 772-4420
Why have Information Retrieval for Educators?

- To link the information explosion of:
  - Research reports and documents,
  - Commercially produced classroom materials,
  - Educational periodicals,
  - Advertisements of innovative trends and practices.

- With educational practitioners:
  - Classroom teachers/professors
  - Specialists/consultants
  - Administrators/project directors
  - Graduate students/teacher trainers
  - School board members/community study groups
  - State department officials/usoe officials
  - Local, state, or regional educational agencies.

What does the NCEBOCS I.R. Center offer?

- A staff of information specialists and reference librarians who conduct automated and manual searches of various databases to meet requesters' needs

- Support staffs of data processing specialists and clerical personnel

- Unique educational information products including:
  - PET (packets of educational topics),
  - CAT (catalog of computerized subject searches),
  - CAP (current awareness profiles),
  - SID (individualized searches in-depth).

Who does this Information Retrieval Center serve?

- Educational requesters of NCEBOCS member school districts,
- Requesters from a network of states and regions across the U.S.,
- Individuals willing to pay a nominal fee for educational information products.

Educational information retrieval is just one of many programs and services offered by Northern Colorado Educational Board of Cooperative Services.

For further information, contact:

COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES
NORTHERN COLORADO EDUCATIONAL BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES
330 SOUTH LINCOLN
LONGMONT, COLORADO 80501
PHONE (303) 772-4420
WHO'S "ERIC"?

ERIC WAS DESIGNED AND SUPPORTED BY THE U.S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE READY ACCESS TO RESULTS OF EXEMPLARY PROGRAMS, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS, AND RELATED INFORMATION THAT CAN BE USED IN DEVELOPING MORE EFFECTIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

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WHAT IS 'ERIC'?

A NATIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEM
A SOURCE OF DOCUMENTS ON EDUCATION
A NETWORK OF DECENTRALIZED INFORMATION CENTERS

WHAT DOES 'ERIC' DO?

COLLECTS, SCREENS, ORGANIZES, AND DISSEMINATES REPORTS
FURNISHES COPIES OF EDUCATIONAL DOCUMENTS AT NOMINAL COSTS
PREPARES INTERPRETATIVE SUMMARIES, RESEARCH REVIEWS, AND BIBLIOGRAPHIES ON CRITICAL TOPICS IN EDUCATION
SERVICES DECENTRALIZED INFORMATION CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

"We believe the day is not far distant when the ERIC network will link universities, professional organizations, school systems, boards of education—the entire educational community to speed all research results to places where they are needed and when they are needed. That is our goal."

--Burchinal, Assistant Commissioner
National Center for Educational Communication
What are ERIC's reference tools?

- **ThESAURUS**: The THESAURUS is a structured vocabulary of approximately 90,000 terms, intended to index and enter documents into the system and to assist in searching the system.

- **RESEARCH IN EDUCATION**: This monthly abstract journal reporting recently completed research projects, descriptions of outstanding programs, and other documents of educational significance—also includes a section on newly funded research projects supported by the U.S. Office of Education—indexed by subject, author, and institution. Issued semiannually and an annual cumulative index for RESEARCH IN EDUCATION is available.

- **ABSTRACTS**: ABSTRACTS is the abstract journal for the EDUCATIONAL LITERATURE (EDLIT). A quarterly abstract journal of educational and related materials, including abstracts of books and research documents directed to teacher education programs and research libraries, and curricula.

What's in ERIC'S special collections?

- **Programmed Instruction**: Research reports, reprints, and programmed instructional materials are available in ERIC/EDUCATION—compiled in subject, author, institution.

- **Creative Education**: The CREATIVE EDUCATION unit produces over 100 titles a year for the purposes of research, evaluation, and training of educational workers and project directors in the areas of continuous creative education from 1968 to 1970.

- **Early Childhood Development**: A directory of resources in early childhood development, compiled and maintained by the National Association for Infantile Education and the National Association for the Education of Young Children.
The ERIC System

ERIC:
Education Resources Information Center, a nationwide system for collecting, abstracting, indexing, storing and disseminating papers, reports, etc., in the field of education.

CENTRAL ERIC:
The main coordinating office of ERIC, located in Washington, D.C., at the U.S. Office of Education.

CLEARINGHOUSE:
Any of 19 offices handling research information pertaining to a given facet of education.

LEASCO-ERIC TAPES:
The contractor responsible for merging the document resources at all clearinghouses and for preparing the monthly magnetic tapes from which Research in Education (RIE) and Current Index to Journals in Education (CIJE) are printed.

THESAURUS:
A collection of descriptors published by Central ERIC; to be used as an authority when storing and searching for documents; arranged alphabetically.

Educational Data Bases

RIE:
Research in Education, a selective journal of education documents, issued quarterly.

CIJE:
Current Index to Journals in Education, a monthly indexing journal.

EDLINE:
Electronic Information Line, a weekly electronic newsletter.

EDTHRES:
Educational Thesaurus, an electronic thesaurus containing descriptors for educational materials.

Current Index to Journals in Education (CIJE) is the monthly indexing journal of educational publications and documents, including instructional and research-related materials.

Special Collections:
From time to time, ERIC issues special collections of documents. An index refers users to copies of documents cited in available, similar or as a complete set, microfiche or hardcopy.
Information Product Components

**PROFILE:**

A collection of ERIC abstracts searched relevant to a particular request, and processed for the requester as an information product.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

A listing, sometimes annotated, of suggested additional readings from educational periodical articles.

**RETRIEVAL NUMBER:**

A user number, assigned solely to each individual SID request.

**ORDER NUMBER:**

A number assigned to each CAT, CAP or PEI title.

**DOCUMENT:**

Research papers, studies, dissertations, curriculum studies, etc., that have been put into the ERIC system.

**ABSTRACT:**

The informative summary, citing each document in RIL, and appearing on the first page of each document.

**REPORT NUMBER:**

That number attached to each document abstracted and used for ordering RIL documents. These numbers are prefixed by ED, ED, AI, or AR to indicate collection of materials.

**DESCRIPTIONS:**

Terms used to index and retrieve documents (i.e., subject headings—program design, behavioral objectives, teacher evaluation).

**RESUME:**

Contains not only the abstract, but also cataloging information about the document, author, title, institution, etc., and the descriptors used for indexing, the document citation in RIL.

**IDENTIFIERS:**

Names of project, program, institution, etc. This is used to index and retrieve documents (e.g., ERIC, NCL, project HLA, WI, curriculum unit).

**AUTHORS:**

Those authors who are active in the field of educational psychology (e.g., Neuman, Brown, and others).
INSTITUTIONS:

Recognized sources for documents related to a particular educational field (e.g., University of Wisconsin--center for cognitive learning, University of Chicago--evaluation, research.

TURNAROUND TIME:

The amount of time measured by this Center in days (excluding weekends) which occurs between the date a request is received by the Center and the date it is mailed from the Center to the requester.

DOCUMENT REQUEST FORM:

That form accompanying each CAT, CAP or SID profile from which the requester may order full documents in microfiche of abstracts appearing in the information profile.

EVALUATION FORM:

That form accompanying each information profile seeking feedback information from the requester regarding relevancy and usefulness of material received.

Full Document Information

HARDCOPY:

Documents printed by a contracted firm on paper large enough for easy reading, collated with a cover, 70- type size.

MICROFICHE:

Microfilm cards measuring 4" x 6", containing up to 70 pages of information per microfiche, available from ERIC Document Reproduction Service, Post Office Drawer D, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.

MICROFICHE READER:

A machine for reading each page of a microfiche.

MICROFICHE READER-PRINTER:

A reader that also can print a photocopy of each page of the document (fiche to hardcopy).

MICROFICHE-DUPLICATOR:

Reproduces Microfiche (fiche to fiche).
REQUESTER:
An educator who requests information about an education topic or idea from the Information Retrieval Center. Requesters may range from classroom teachers or paraprofessionals to administrators, higher education professors or graduate students.

INFORMATION SPECIALIST/REFERENCE LIBRARIAN:
An Information Retrieval staff member who interprets requests received by the Center, and who writes "logics" (search strategies) to retrieve information from the automated data base, relevant to those requests. Staff reference librarians also use university, local and interlibrary loan facilities and services to fulfill requests.
INFORMATION PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FROM NOBOO ERIC INFORMATION RETRIEVAL CENTER

PFT = PACKET OF EDUCATIONAL TOPICS

Packet titles represent a sampling of selected periodical articles providing general background information pertaining to broad topic areas.

CAT = CATALOG OF COMPUTERIZED SUBJECT SEARCHES

CAT profiles contain abstracts from Research In Education, an ERIC publication including "fugitive literature." CAT searches include materials relevant to a specific portion of a general subject.

CAP = CURRENT AWARENESS PROFILES

Current Awareness profiles are designed to give the information seeker a broad, but not necessarily comprehensive coverage of major educational areas of interest, to keep him up-to-date on happenings in a major field. CAP input comes from most recent RIE abstracts and other quarterly updates.

SID/RIE = SEARCH IN-DEPTH ON RESEARCH IN EDUCATION

Search-depth RIE searches are retrieved from an automated database containing approximately 50,000 abstracts of doctoral theses, project reports and research documents compiled at subject area clearinghouses throughout the ERIC network.

CID/IJE = CURRENT INDEX TO JOURNALS IN EDUCATION

Current index IJE searches are retrieved from a data base containing 50,000 journal entries. These periodical materials appear as catalog citations, some including annotations. SID/IJE profiles are support SID/RRI's or serve as independent searches.

SID/ARM = ABSTRACTS OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, RESEARCH, AND RELATED MATERIALS FROM VOTATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

SID/ARM profiles may include abstracts of materials useful for teachers, supervisors, teacher trainers, or students for classroom use. Materials on the vocational/technical
Each of the 18 clearinghouses, as well as acquiring, reviewing, abstracting, and indexing the documents nominated in Research in Education, also prepares bibliographies and interpretive summaries of research which appear in Research in Education, and are disseminated through the ERIC Document Reproduction Service.

For additional information concerning this and its function, please contact:

ERIC U.S. National Institute of Education
Washington, D.C. 20202

ERIC documents may be ordered from:

ERIC Document Reproduction Service
Post Office Drawer O
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

ADULT EDUCATION
Syracuse University
Syracuse, N.Y.

COUNSELING AND PERSONNEL SERVICES
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

DISADVANTAGED
Teachers College
Columbia University
New York, N.Y.

EARLY CHILDHOOD
University of Illinois
Urbana, Ill.

EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT
University of Oregon
Eugene, Oregon

EDUCATIONAL MEDIA
Stanford University
Stanford, Calif.

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
The Council for Exceptional Children
Arlington, Va.

HIGHER EDUCATION
George Washington University
Washington, D.C.

JUNIOR COLLEGES
University of Cala.
Los Angeles, Calif.
STATES SERVED ON INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT BASES BY THE:

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II. Florida Educational Resources Information Center (FERIC)

A. Paper giving general description of FERIC
B. Sample monthly ERIC search statistics report (October, 1972)
A research-oriented dissemination system, developed by the Florida Research Coordinating Unit for Vocational Education, was implemented by the Florida Department of Education in 1968. Fund sources were the Vocational Amendments of 1968, Title III, Title V and State appropriations. The Commissioner of Education expanded the program in 1970 to include services to the total public education community in Florida and designated the system as the Florida Educational Resources Information Center (FERIC). The program was transferred in February 1972 from the Division of Vocational Education to the Commissioner's Administrative staff. FERIC, one of five sections which now comprise the Communications/Media Service Center, is supported with State and federal funds.

FERIC's target audiences are Department staff, and administrative personnel and classroom instructors in the school districts, area vocational-technical schools, community junior colleges and state universities.

A network of 66 satellite centers has been established in the nine state universities, 26 community junior colleges, 20 area vocational-technical centers, one comprehensive high school, five vocational education exemplary programs, and five vocational education area program coordinating offices. A working relationship also has been established with the Florida State Library System, Florida Learning Resources System (Exceptional Child Education), and a number of special educational projects in the state.

Information requests from the field are submitted routinely through satellite centers or Department staff. This insures that preliminary investigations have been completed at the local level.

Comprehensive manual searches are made of the FERIC and non-ERIC files. The QUERY System computer program is used to batch search the resumes announced in RESEARCH IN EDUCATION, ABSTRACTS OF RESEARCH AND RELATED MATERIALS IN VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, ABSTRACTS OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS IN VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, and CURRENT INDEX TO JOURNALS IN EDUCATION. Information requests are referred, when appropriate, to Department staff, to other state agencies and institutions, to local education agencies, to federal projects personnel, and to information sources outside the State of Florida.

FERIC's data bank includes more than 60,000 documents reproduced on microfiche, over 6,000 hard copy titles, several thousand current awareness articles, subscriptions to nearly 450 publications listed in the monthly CURRENT INDEX TO JOURNALS IN EDUCATION, and a subscription to the curriculum materials available through the Xerox Corp.

The FERIC staff includes one administrator, one staff assistant, one librarian, one half-time librarian and 17 university student assistants. The students work a maximum of 20 hours per week. Six students manually search the data bank, five perform clerical-related duties, two maintain current awareness files and two work with the computer retrieval program (QUERY System).
Florida Educational Resources Information Center
Department of Education
Knott Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

Florida Educational Resources Information Center (FERIC)

Satellite Centers Operational in
Area Vocational-Technical Centers

Satellite Centers Operational in
Community Colleges

Satellite Centers to Be Established
During FY 1971-72 in State Universities

Satellite Center to Be Established
During FY 1972-73 in an Area
Vocational-Technical Center
WHAT'S YOUR ERIC IQ?

As the ERIC system has grown it has developed its user vocabulary of special terms and abbreviations. This brief quiz will test the depth of your knowledge and perhaps introduce you to some new materials which you may want to use.

Grade yourself according to the following scale and then check your results with the descriptors on page 2 to see how well acquainted you really are with ERIC.

0 - I know nothing about this.
1 - I am familiar with this, but it's fuzzy.
2 - I have a general idea of this.
3 - This one. I know!

1. MF
2. Research in Education
3. Descriptors
4. CIJE
5. EDRS
6. ED number
7. Major Descriptors
8. Minor Descriptors
9. Annual Indexes
10. HC
11. Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors
12. Current Index to Journals in Education
13. Rotated Descriptor Display
14. QUERY
15. ERIC
16. EJEL
17. PEP
18. FLD
19. DLL
20. Identifiers
INFORMATION SEARCH REQUEST

Date of Request ____________________ Date Information Needed ____________________

Requester __________________ Position __________________

Institution/Agency/Other __________________

Address __________________

City, State, Zip Code __________________ Telephone __________________

You can help ensure successful completion of the search requested by stating your problem and describing the question you desire searched.

Search Title:

Question:
1. MF - microfiche, a 4"x6" acetate sheet showing up to 70 images, each representing an 8 1/2"x11" sheet of paper; it is read in a microfiche reader which enlarges the images.

2. Research in Education - a monthly abstract journal which announces recently completed reports in the field of education. It contains resumes highlighting the significance of each document and indexes citing the contents by subject, author, institution, and accession numbers.

3. Descriptors - authoritative terms acceptable for indexing and searching in the ERIC system and which characterize the substantive content of a document.

4. Negotiation - identifying, analyzing, assessing and defining specifically the problem and attendant information need(s) of a client.

5. CIJE - Current Index to Journals in Education.

6. EDRS - ERIC Document Reproduction Service, which makes available most of the documents cited in RIE.

7. ED numbers - ERIC Accession Numbers, identification numbers sequentially assigned to documents as they are processed and used to search for documents.

8. Major Descriptors - descriptors preceded by an asterisk in the RIE entry, indicating the major concepts of a document and listed in the subject index.

9. Minor Descriptors - descriptors without an asterisk in the RIE listing, indicating the less important concepts of a document and not found in the subject index.

10. Exceptional Child Education Abstracts - a quarterly journal published by the (National) Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). The journal contains abstracts stored on the computer file of the CEC Information Center. It is designed for those educators and other persons who are concerned with gifted and handicapped children.

11. Annual Indices - the RIE Annual Index, a-cumulation of the subject indices from the monthly issues that does not include complete resumes. The CIJE annual index includes the complete citations from the monthly issues, as well as the indices.

12. HC - hardcopy, a full-size Xerox reproduction.

13. Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors - structured compilations of educational terms used to index and enter documents into the ERIC system; also provides the terms needed in a search for documents on a specific topic.

14. Retrieval - identifying, locating and securing research and development information pertinent to the client's request.
15. **Current Index to Journals in Education** - the companion volume to RIE which announces journal articles. CIE uses the same indexing as RIE but has no abstracts. Articles are annotated when necessary for clarity.

16. **Rotated Descriptor Display** - a list of all the descriptors in the ERIC Thesaurus in which each descriptor is entered alphabetically by each of its words. Descriptors with words in common are thus grouped together.

17. **QUERY** - a computer program used to batch search the ERIC files.

18. **NIE** - National Institute of Education, a component of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. NIE was created by Congress in the Summer of 1972 and given those dissemination responsibilities (including ERIC) formerly assigned to the phased-out National Center for Educational Communications.

19. **ERIC** - Educational Resources Information Center, a national information network for acquiring, abstracting, indexing, storing, retrieving, and disseminating the most significant and timely educational research reports, program descriptions, and other materials.

20. **Transformation** - analyzing, synthesizing and organizing retrieved materials into a format and style best suited for the client to use in problem-solving.

21. **Field Agent** - assists, encourages and facilitates the needs of educators in the utilization of research information in problem-solving and innovation. The Field Agent attempts to maximize interpersonal communication linkage at the district level between the district and the State Education Agency.

22. **DOE** - State of Florida Department of Education which serves all levels of public education: preschool through high school, area vocational-technical schools, community colleges, and state universities.

23. **Linker** - an intermediary who aids the movement of knowledge from the minds of the individuals responsible for its existence to the minds of those responsible for its utilization. A linker gathers, processes and distributes educational knowledge.

24. **Communication** - written or verbal process of conveying retrieved and transformed information back to the client.

25. **Filter** - category/level of information

26. **FERIC** - Florida Educational Resources Information Center, State of Florida Department of Education, a state information network with 66 satellite centers compatible with the ERIC system.

27. **RIE** - Research in Education, a monthly journal of abstracts produced by ERIC. It contains up to 1,000 titles per issue. Most of the titles are reproduced on microfiche and are available through the ERIC System.
28. **Identifiers** - additional identifying terms such as names of tests or institutions used, in indexing documents in RIE, AIM, AR! or CIJE, but not found in the Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors.


31. **Client** - a decision-maker who must select a course of action from a variety of alternatives.

32. **Search Strategy** - a sequence of events which the information consultant/communications specialist/librarian goes through to retrieve materials which are relevant to the client's request.

33. **CEC** - the national Council for Exceptional Children, a private organization which has over 48,000 members. CEC houses the ERIC Clearinghouse for Exceptional Child Education.

34. **Evaluation** - self-examination in terms of EIC processes, role and function within the information network.

35. **Abstracts** - a descriptive summary which provides the user a capsule view of the major emphasis of the document or article.
X.0 Florida Educational Resources Information Center

X.1 Establishment. There is established in the Department of Education's Communications/Media Service Center (CMSC) a facility known as the Florida Educational Resources Information Center (FERIC) which shall have the responsibility for the collection, storage, retrieval, and dissemination of educational resources information.

X.2 Availability of Services. The services of FERIC shall be available to all professional staff members of the Department of Education and, through appropriate contact person, to classroom teachers, and to other professional and administrative staff members of the several school districts, area vocational-technical schools, public community/junior colleges, and state universities in Florida.

X.3 Advisory Committee. A ten-member Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Education and shall be comprised of a chairman, and two representatives from each of the Department's four Divisions and one representative from the Commissioner's State Board of Education Staff.

X.3.1 The chairman shall call periodic committee meetings (at least quarterly), shall preside over each session, and shall make provisions for distributing copies of the proceedings to the Committee members, Information Director of CMSC, Divisions Directors, and Commissioner of Education.
X.3.2 Committee members shall provide liaison between their respective Division staff, the Commissioner's State Board of Education Staff and FERIC.

X.3.3 The Committee shall offer to the FERIC administrator advice and counsel on operational policy and procedure, development and change.

X.3.4 The Committee shall provide for a periodic evaluation of FERIC and shall recommend to the Commissioner of Education through the Information Director of CMSC such changes in policy or procedure as are necessary to improve dissemination of educational resources information.

X.3.5 The Committee shall review the annual budget request submitted by the FERIC administrator to the Information Director, CMSC.

X.4 Location and Administration. FERIC shall be physically located in the Department of Education's Communications/Media Service Center. A professional staff member of the Communications/Media Service Center shall be assigned the full-time responsibility of supervising the continued orderly development of the FERIC program.

X.4.1 The FERIC administrator, with advice and counsel of the Advisory Committee and the approval of the Information Director, CMSC, shall develop and implement operational procedures for the facility, including the establishment of priorities of order for servicing information requests.

X.4.2 The FERIC administrator is authorized direct communication with requesters.

X.4.3 The FERIC administrator is authorized direct communication with information sources within the Department of Education.
X.4.4 The FERIC administrator is authorized to approve and to disapprove requests for use of the Query System program in computer searches.

X.5 Financial Support. FERIC shall be provided with a separate Operating Budget within the total budget of the Communications/Media Service Center and shall receive financial support from such other sources which may be approved by the Commissioner of Education.

as of 3/31/72
The following resolution was adopted on November 19, 1971, by the Dissemination Advisory Committee:

It is hereby resolved by the Advisory Committee that the services of the Florida Educational Resources Information Center (FERIC) shall be offered on the following priority basis:

1. all personnel detailed in Section X.2 of the Policy and Procedure Statement shall be given first priority on all FERIC services;

2. FERIC services shall be available to professional personnel from other state agencies on a time available basis;

3. FERIC services are not intended for students at public or private schools or colleges, unless such services are clearly identifiable as directly related to projects or programs of the Department of Education;

4. FERIC is unable to provide administrative and accounting services required to handle requests from private agencies or individuals. The FERIC administrator will not honor such requests, but will refer them to commercial servicing agencies.
NUMBER OF REQUESTS RECEIVED: 102

A. Department Staff
B. Satellite Centers
   1) Area Vocational-Technical Centers
   2) Community Junior Colleges
   3) Exemplary Programs
   4) Vocational Education Area Offices
   5) Universities
C. School Districts
D. Miscellaneous

NUMBER OF SEARCHES CONDUCTED: 165

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| DOCUMENTS RECEIVED | | |
| HARD COPY & DUPLICATED MATERIALS | 235 |
| NEWSLETTERS | 58 |
| PERIODICALS | 282 |
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| DOCUMENTS CIRCULATED TO DEPARTMENT STAFF | 191 |
| PAGES REPRODUCED ON MICROFICHE READER-PRINTER | 170 |
III. Indiana University

A. Letter announcing PROBE search system
B. Promotional brochure
C. Search request form
Dear Librarians and Administrators:

The Indiana State Library recently awarded an LSCA grant to enable us to offer educators in Indiana a computer service. We would like patrons to obtain this service through all types of libraries: public, school, and college and university. The "PROBE" search of computer tapes was programmed by Ronald Tschudi at Indiana University and has been used by students, faculty, and administrators in education and related fields on the I.U. campuses since September 1971.

Please help inform your local educators and librarians who aid them of this service. The computer saves hours of manual searching through Research in Education (RIE) and Current Index to Journals in Education (CIJE).

RIE is a monthly index of reports and research in education. Included are speeches, conference proceedings, curriculum guides, government-sponsored research, and other reports which are difficult to locate. All of the research indexed in RIE may be found in the ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center) Collections which are available in at least seven libraries in Indiana. When a patron requests a search of the RIE computer tapes, he receives a printout (see enclosed sample) that includes the author, title, and abstract of each relevant piece of research. He may then visit one of the seven libraries mentioned in the "PROBE" flyer to read the full report on microfiche cards, or he may send for a hard copy of each report from Bethesda, Maryland.

CIJE is an index similar to Education Index or Readers Guide, but it indexes over twice as many journals in education as are included in Education Index. A computer search of CIJE tapes will list articles which concern the patron's problem and cite the journals where they may be found.

Please aid your students, teachers, and researchers by either instigating the search for them or giving them the information so they may write us stating their problem. If you have an ERIC Thesaurus, consult it for relevant subject headings. If not, list major headings along with a paragraph describing the problem. Examples of problems that might be searched are: accountability, changing from junior high schools to middle schools, flexible scheduling, community-school relations, or public library service to the disadvantaged. You may request a search by letter, telephone (812) 337-5718, or S.U.V.O.N. number 627-5718. If your request is sent via TWX (teletype) please make sure that the identifying word 'PROBE' is included with your name, address, and telephone number.

A search of either RIE or CIJE is $4.00. It will take approximately 10 days, plus mailing time.

Enclosed you will find sample pages of a computer search and a flyer describing the 'PROBE' service. Please contact us if you need more flyers for your library or patrons, or if you have questions.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Bingham
PROBE Director

Eva L. Kiewitt
Project Supervisor
and Education Librarian

October, 1972
Computer Service for Educators in Indiana

The ERIC System

WHAT IS ERIC? (Educational Resources Information Center)
A national information system supported by the U.S. Office of Education which collects and disseminates research in education. Specialized subject centers or clearing houses throughout the U.S. obtain and screen research reports. This information is available on microfiche cards for easy access to users.

WHO MAY NEED AN ERIC SEARCH?
Any educator or person needing educational information; undergraduate or graduate college student; elementary, secondary, or college teacher; curriculum specialist; administrator; researcher or private citizen.

WHERE ARE ERIC MATERIALS LOCATED?
Indiana University, Bloomington Campus. The School of Education Library contains the microfiche collection, indexes, and reader. There are also media materials (films, slides, and displays) to explain the use of the ERIC system.

Other ERIC collections in Indiana:
Bloomington, Indiana University
Indiana State University, Terre Haute
Purdue University, West Lafayette
St. Francis College, Fort Wayne
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame
Contact the individual library for information concerning loan policies, extent of services, and availability.

Research reports listed in RIE may be obtained in microfiche or hard copy according to order information contained in RIE. Citations in CUE are in journals available in larger libraries.

WHAT ARE THE ERIC TOOLS?
Research in Education (RIE), a monthly journal which indexes research reports by subject, author, title, and institution. Each report listed includes a full citation and an abstract.
Current Index to Journals in Education (CUE), a monthly index to over 600 periodicals in the field of education.

'PROBE' Computer Search

WHAT IS 'PROBE'?
A computer retrieval program developed at I.U. to search the ERIC tapes of RIE and CUE. This eliminates the need for extensive and time-consuming manual searches.
The service combines subject headings and prints the abstracts of RIE reports that match your request. It also will search the CUE tapes and list the journal articles which match your subject.
Searches may also be made by author, title, and phrases within the abstract.
You receive a computer print-out of the full citation of the relevant reports of studies, and the abstracts of the most recent.

WHAT IS A SAMPLE PROBLEM?
You may be planning to change from a junior high school to a middle school and need information about this transition made by other schools. The computer can combine the descriptors (middle schools, junior high schools, and school organization) to find relevant studies.

WHAT IS THE COST?
The cost of either search (RIE or CUE) is $4.

HOW LONG DOES A SEARCH TAKE?
Approximately ten days, plus mailing time.

HOW DO I INITIATE A SEARCH?
Bloomington campus: School of Education Library, Room 30.
I.U. regional campuses: Local library office, coordinated through the Regional Campus Library Office in Bloomington.
IUPIU Reference Department of the Downtown Campus Library.

Other library access points: Searches may be requested through your college, public, or school libraries via inter-library loan.

Searches by mail: Write a brief description of your information needs with possible subject headings. Be as specific as possible.
Enclose a check payable to Indiana University for $4 per search.

SUPPORT
The service is processed by the Research Computing Center at I.U.
It is initially supported by LSCA (The Ed) funds, Indiana University, and income from searches.
The project is designed to become self-supporting within two years.

PROBE OFFICE HEADQUARTERS

Education Library
Room 30
School of Education
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Phone: 812-855-6718

Office Hours
8 a.m.-12 noon, 1-5 p.m.
Monday through Friday
No. ________

'RE B E' COMPUTER SEARCH
of ERIC TAPFS
(Educational Resources Information Center)
School of Education, Indiana University, Bloomington

NAME ____________________________

CAMPUS or SCHOOL _________________________ DEPT. _________________________

ADDRESS ____________________________

TELEPHONE ____________________________ POSITION/STATUS ____________________

PURPOSE ____________________________ i.e., dissertation, writing research, class, etc.

Request via. walk-in, mail, telephone, teletype (TEX)

Request originated through library, college, school, public, special

Search tapes of PIE CIJE BOTH

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FOR STAFF USE ONLY

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Suggested terms for abstract search: (see back)
IV. Iowa State Department of Public Instruction

A. Iowa Pilot Program for Information Dissemination, INFORMS
B. Retrieval request form
C. List of contents of packet sent to user
D. Information sheet in packet sent to user
E. Assessment form (to be completed by user)
F. Promotional brochure (D.P.I.)
G. Promotional brochure (regional)
Iowa Pilot Program

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Grimes State Office Building
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In an effort to respond to the growing need of educators to have research information in usable form and available for planning educational programs, the Iowa State Department of Public Instruction is initiating a new service to school districts. This new program is made possible by a federal pilot project recently granted to the State Department of Public Instruction entitled INFORMS (Iowa Network For Obtaining Resource Materials for Schools).

The goal of the Iowa project INFORMS is to increase the level of knowledge of educational curriculum and instructional methods available as a result of research and development. This information will provide decision makers (local school personnel) with a number of alternatives so that local school personnel can select the curriculum and instructional methods that would best serve the needs of their school district.

Research material will be retrieved from the data bank in the Educational Media Section, Department of Public Instruction. The majority of this information will include:

- ERIC Documents
- PREP Packets
- Communications from NCEC
- Services from Iowa State Traveling Library
- Materials from Regional Educational Laboratories
- Assistance from the Iowa State Department Consultants

Further explanation of ERIC, PREP, and NCEC are noted on the following pages.

If INFORMS may be of service to you, contact your nearest field agent or Area Media Center. On succeeding pages you will find a map and list of field agents participating in the pilot project. If you are not in a specified area, contact Mary Jo Bruett, Educational Media Section, Department of Public Instruction.

Mary Jo Bruett
Referral Specialist
INFORMS


FIELD AGENTS FOR INFORMS

Decorah
Mrs. Edith Boeime, Director, Area I Media Center

Fort Dodge
Mr. Robert Pamplin, Director of Instructional Materials Center, Joint County System of Hamilton, Webster, and Wright

Marshalltown
Mrs. Mary Travilliam, Director, Area Six Resource Center
Mrs. Sue Sey, Librarian, Area Six Resource Center

Cedar Falls
Mrs. Beverly Trost, Director-Librarian, Area VII Educational Media Center
Mr. Harry Badensiek, Coordinator of Educational Consultants, Joint County System of Black Hawk and Buchanan

Dubuque
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Miss Kathleen Kolisch, Area VIII Instructional Materials Center
Mr. Allen Hovey, Audiovisual Coordinator, West Delaware Junior High School

Davenport
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Mr. Cecil Ross, Director of Department of Educational Consultants, Muscatine and Scott County School System

Cedar Rapids
Mr. Dean Hartman, Science Consultant, Joint County System of Cedar, Johnson, Linn, and Washington
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Dr. Marvin Davis, Director, Area XI Regional Media Center
Mrs. Betty Atwood, Curriculum Consultant, Polk County Schools
Dr. Joe Millard, Director of Research and Staff Development, Polk County Schools

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Mr. Dave Cellier, Director, Area XII Educational Resource Center

Council Bluffs
Dr. Harry Tiller, Federal Program Coordinator, Pottawattamie County Schools
Dr. Phillip Clayle, Director, Area XIII Educational Media Center

Ottumwa
Mrs. Maxine Wegner, Librarian, Area XV Media Center
A national information system dedicated to the progress of education through the dissemination of educational results and research related materials.

Changes in education are occurring at an unprecedented rate. It is easy to generate information about these changes but problems develop when educators have access to this material in an unclassified, unindexed form. The United States Office of Education is hoping to solve these problems through the Educational Resources Information Center.

ERIC's purpose is twofold. First, ERIC makes thousands of documents available in one place and lets you identify and obtain the ones you need. Second, ERIC produces new information and disseminates it in the form of newsletters, bibliographies, or interpretive summaries.

The key to utilization of the ERIC system is in the monthly indexed publications.

ERIC

CURRENT INDEX TO JOURNALS IN EDUCATION

ERIc research in education

RIE announces the new documents added to ERIC each month. The RIE is made up of document notices, and subject, author, and institution indexes.

CURRENT INDEX TO JOURNALS IN EDUCATION

CIJE covers more than 500 publications which represent the core periodical literature in the field of education.
ERIC with its unique distribution of research documents makes it easy for the total educational community to be made aware of what is taking place in the field of education.

Documents are distributed on microfiche - a flat sheet of film that is low in cost and is a space saver.

A complete ERIC collection is located in the Educational Media Center, Iowa Department of Public Instruction. This collection is complete with monthly updating of Research in Education, Current Index to Journals in Education, and the entire microfiche collection.

On the following pages you will find a listing of the twenty ERIC clearinghouses which cover specialized fields of education. Each clearinghouse is considered to have the expertise within a field to locate significant research and resource material. These subject clearinghouses review, abstract, and index the documents announced in Research in Education.
ERIC/AE is responsible for research and other documents on formal and informal adult and continuing education in all settings.

ERIC/CAPS focuses on information relevant to personnel work at all levels and in all settings, including college student personnel work, school psychology, school social work, elementary and secondary school counseling, and school health work research. Included are materials on pupil, student, and adult characteristics; educational, occupational, and community settings; and the types of assistance provided by personnel workers.

ERIC/IRCD is responsible for research reports and other documents on the educational, psychological, social, and general development of urban children and youth who are socially or economically disadvantaged.

ERIC/ECE is responsible for research documents on the physiological, psychological, and cultural development of children from birth through primary grades.

ERIC/CFA is concerned with leadership, management, and structure of public and private educational organizations at all levels. Included are documents on the practice and theory of administration, generated from the fields of educational, public, and business administration and from the humanities and the social and behavioral sciences. Such topics as the preserviced and inservice preparation of administrators, tasks and processes of administration (finance, planning, personnel, etc.), methods and varieties of organization, organizational change, and social context of the organization are covered. Not included are documents dealing specifically with educational facilities or junior colleges.
EDUCATIONAL MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY
Institute for Communication Research
Stanford University
Stanford, California 94305

EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
The Council for Exceptional Children
1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

HIGHER EDUCATION
1 Dupont Circle
Suite 630
Washington, D.C. 20036

JUNIOR COLLEGES
University of California at LA
405 Hilgard Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90024

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCES
American Society for Information Science
1140 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

LINGUISTICS
Center for Applied Linguistics
1717 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

ERIC at Stanford is responsible for information on application of new media and technological innovation to education, including such subjects as instructional television, computer-assisted instruction, and programmed learning.

ERIC/CEC is responsible for documents on educating children and youth who require special services—those who are gifted, mentally retarded, visually impaired, deaf, hard of hearing, physically handicapped, emotionally disturbed, or speech- and language-impaired.

ERIC/CHED is responsible for research documents on higher education, with the exception of reports on both teacher education and teaching English in higher education.

This clearinghouse is responsible for research documents about public and private community and junior colleges, including studies on students, staff, curricula, programs, libraries, and community services.

ERIC/CLIS is responsible for research documents on the operation of libraries and information centers, the technology used to improve their operations, and the education and training of library and information specialists.

ERIC/CAL is responsible for research reports on linguistics and all related language sciences, uncommonly taught languages, the teaching of English as a foreign or second language, and the teaching of English as a native language to speakers of non-standard dialects.
ERIC/CRIER focuses on information related to all aspects of reading behavior with emphasis on physiology, psychology, sociology, and the teaching of reading. Included are reports on the development and evaluation of instructional materials, curricula, tests and measurements, preparation of reading teachers and specialists, and methodology at all levels; the role of libraries and other agencies in fostering and guiding reading; and diagnostic and remedial services in school and clinic settings.

ERIC/CRESS is responsible for research documents on organization, administration, curriculum, instruction, innovative programs, and other aspects of small schools and rural education in general, as well as outdoor education, migrant education, Indian education, and Mexican American education.

ERIC/SMAC is responsible for reports on all levels of science and mathematics education, and on adult and continuing education in science and mathematics.

ERIC/CHESS is responsible for information on social studies, social science education, and social education.

This clearinghouse focuses on materials relative to the preparation of school personnel (nursery, elementary, secondary, and supporting school personnel); the preparation and development of teacher educators; and the profession of teaching. The scope includes recruitment, selection, lifelong personal and professional development, and teacher placement.

ERIC/NCTE focuses on research reports and other documents relevant to all aspects of the teaching of English from kindergarten through grade 12, the preparation of teachers of English for the schools, and the preparation of specialists in English education.
ERIC/MLA is responsible for research documents on teaching French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, Latin, and classical Greek at all instructional levels. It also is responsible for documents on the teaching of English in undergraduate and graduate education.

ERIC/TTM is responsible for documents presenting descriptions of: (1) tests and other measurement devices; (2) evaluation procedures and techniques; and (3) the application of tests, measurements, or evaluation in educational projects or programs.

This clearinghouse focuses on research documents and related resources in vocational and technical education, new subprofessional fields, and the related fields of industrial arts education, manpower economics, occupational psychology, and occupational sociology.
PREP is:

- A series of monthly reports which focus the light of research on current educational problems
- A synthesis and interpretation of research, development, and current best practice on specific educational topics
- The best thinking of researchers interpreted by specialists for the practitioner in nontechnical language
- A series of reports targeted to specific educational audiences—the administrator, school board member, teacher, curriculum specialist, and teacher educator
- Information in the public domain which can be adapted to meet local needs
- A format for disseminating significant R & D findings to the practitioner quickly

Putting
Research into
Educational
Practice

PREP REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM:

- Your State education agency
- ERIC Document Reproduction Service, Post Office Drawer 0, Bethesda, Maryland 20014
  
  See monthly issues of Research in Education for abstracts and prices of PREP reports in microfiche and hard copy.


- Iowa's Regional Educational Media Centers
1--Instructional Television Facilities: A Guide for School Administrators and Board Members. ED 035 077
2--Reading Difficulties: Reading and the Home Environment. The Principal's Responsibility. ED 034 078
3--Establishing Central Reading Clinics: The Administrator's Role. ED 034 079
4--Correcting Reading Problems in the Classroom. ED 034 080
5--Treating Reading Disabilities: The Specialist's Role. ED 034 081
6--Bilingual Education. ED 034 082
7--Research for School Board Members: School-Community Relations. ED 034 083
8--Research for School Board Members: Teacher Militancy, Negotiations, and Strikes. ED 034 084
9--Job-Oriented Education Programs for the Disadvantaged. ED 034 085
10--Seminar on Preparing the Disadvantaged for Jobs: A Planning Handbook. ED 034 086
11--Research on Elementary Mathematics. ED 034 087
12--Paraprofessional Aides. ED 034 088
13--Sharing Educational Services. ED 036 089
14--Social Studies and the Disadvantaged. ED 037 090
15--Student Participation in Academic Governance. ED 038 091
16--Individualized Instruction. ED 041 092
17--Microteaching. ED 041 093
19--Migrant Education. ED 042 095
20--Teacher Recruitment and Selection. ED 043 096
21--Teacher Evaluation. ED 044 097
22--A Readiness Test for Disadvantaged Preschool Children. ED 047 098
23--Educational Cooperatives. ED 048 099
24--School-Community Relations and Educational Change. ED 054 100
25--Improving Teaching Effectiveness
26--Black Studies in Community Colleges. ED 055 101
27--Year-Round Schools: The 4-5-15 Plan. ED 054 102
28--Educational Performance Contracting
29--New Products in Education
NCEC: A NEW CONCEPT IN EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATION

Education and its improvement are based on communication. To furnish leadership and support to strengthen educational communication throughout the country, the Office of Education has established a NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATION (NCEC).

Although communication has old as man himself, today we have new means and methods of communicating. NEW TOOLS AND PROCESSES in educational communication have led to a NEW PROFESSION with NEW TER MNOLOGIES: information transfer-networks, dissemination, utilization, installation, feedback, and NEW ROLES: disseminator, field manager, agent-retrieval specialist, gatekeeper, knowledge linker. It is the goal of NCEC to give a new DATA and UP-to-date educational communication and provide a unique national resource for American educators.

NCEC OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMS

NEW PROGRAMS are being developed in cooperation with other OE, Federal, State, local, and private educational organizations to achieve five major objectives:

Accelerate the spread of exemplary programs and validated practices.
- Provide information nationally about validated exemplary programs.
- Increase interpersonal communication about improved practices.
- Achieve faster nationwide use of tested products from major educational development efforts.
- Facilitate commercial marketing of materials through the OE copyright program and the Publishers Alert Service.

Develop national communication linkages for effective application of knowledge and improved practices.
- Encourage State-Federal communication planning and liaison activities.
- Support pilot communication programs for serving local needs.
- Provide technical assistance for development of dissemination and application programs.
- Coordinate OE communication efforts with those of professional, commercial, and other private organizations.

Assure access to current educational knowledge.
- Maintain an on-line retrieval and dissemination service through the Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC).
- Utilize the information resources of the OE Educational Materials Center (EMC) with its display of products and resources for schools and teacher education programs.
- Promote the one-stop information center, the OE Educational Reference Center (ERC), a model one-stop information center with reference and demonstration services and on-line capability.
- Support pilot on-line centers to provide computer searches of the ERIC report literature for local schools.
- Make ERIC users magnetic tape files available.

Disseminate interpreted information on priority educational topics.
- Support information analysis activities through interpretive summaries and bibliographies produced by the ERIC clearinghouses.
- Continue the OE Teacher Communication Program for decisionmakers and practitioners with emphasis on Putting Research into Educational Practice (PREP) for widespread dissemination of information.

Develop and articulate OE communication efforts.
- Support Research and Development in educational communication systems.
- Develop and test communication models and strategies.
- Coordinate planning and development of OE communication resources.
INFORMS
RETRIEVAL REQUEST

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IF ADDITIONAL MATERIALS OR A NEW NEGOTIATION IS NEEDED

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE: Miss Mary Jo Bruett  DATE: 

CLIENT: Mr. John Doe  

Check if a new negotiation is needed.

ERIC Documents: (Documents not available from EDRS must be purchased from original source)

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CLJE ARTICLES: (Articles are not available on microfiche)

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Educational Index and Other Articles: (State title, author and journal)


Other: (If additional space is needed, use the back side)
October 20, 1972

Dear Mr. Doe:

In our efforts to answer your search question on Pupil Personnel Workers we have gathered the following materials for you.

Document abstracts: ED 042 067 045 562 053 400
  043 077 046 062 053 417
  044 763 049 498
  044 776  050 359

Magazine citations: EJ 044 901 047 777 047 862
  044 902 047 779 053 569
  044 905 047 794
  047 449 047 854

In the left side pocket of your information packet you will find a page of general information concerning the contents of the packet. Please read this information carefully before reviewing the packet.

We hope these collected materials will be of value and assistance to you. If further search material is needed please do not hesitate to contact your field representative, Miss Mary Jo Bruett.

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EDUCATIONAL MEDIA SECTION

(Mrs.) Kathy Borlin
Research Associate

KB/gn
To help introduce me please read the definitions below and examine my format before beginning to work.

**PACKET CONTENTS:** The packet contents is your personal copy of the materials that are included in the information packet. Read carefully.

**ERIC:** Educational Resources Information Center - is a national system designed to provide access to current, significant developments in educational research and exemplary programs.

**DOCUMENTS:** The term document is used to describe any published materials such as research reports, dissertations, bibliographies or monographs. In this packet you will receive one or both of the following:

1. **Document Abstracts** - An abstract is a factual, objective abbreviated version of a complete document. From these abstracts you select those documents that are pertinent to your search question. To order microfiche copies of the complete document, simply enter the accession number - example ED 049 485 and title of the document on the retrieval request form.

2. **Microfiche** - Microfiche is a complete document on a 4"x6" sheet of film. A microfiche reader is required to read this microfiche. Microfiche received in the information packet are judged to be of general significance to your request question.

**JOURNAL ARTICLES:** These citations are from an ERIC index entitled Current Index to Journals in Education (CIJE), a monthly guide to periodical literature, with coverage of more than 500 major educational publications. In this packet you will receive one or both of the following:

1. **Journal Citations** - From the citations, you select those articles that are pertinent to your search question. To order simply enter the accession number - example EJ 043 405 and the bibliographic entry on the retrieval request.

2. **Journal Articles** - Articles received in the information packet are judged to be of general significance to your request question. JOURNAL ARTICLES ARE NOT AVAILABLE ON MICROFICHE.
REQUEST ASSESSMENT

IOWA NETWORK FOR OBTAINING RESOURCE MATERIALS FOR SCHOOLS
Department of Public Instruction
Educational Media Section
Grimes State Office Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

1a. How many times have you requested information and technical assistance from INFORMS? _____ (Include present request)

b. Length of time between this request and the last request.
   (If first request, leave blank)
   
   _____ Less than one month  _____ 13-15 months
   _____ 1-3 months           _____ 16-18 months
   _____ 4-6 months           _____ 19-21 months
   _____ 7-9 months           _____ 22-24 months
   _____ 10-12 months

2. At what level of planning will the information or assistance from this request be utilized?
   
   _____ To alleviate needs immediately
   _____ To plan for next year
   _____ To develop intermediate plans (2-4 years)
   _____ To develop long range plans (5-10 years)

3. Problems in making request, if any: (If additional space is needed, use the back side)

4a. After you defined the need to the INFORMS representative, about how long did it take for you to receive information or technical assistance?
   
   _____ days or _______ the same day
   (No.)

b. In terms of your needs, would you say that this was:
   
   _____ too long
   _____ a reasonable length of time
5. Based on the initial information or technical assistance received for this request, did you make another request on the same topic by returning the Retrieval Request form?

   ___ Yes   ___ No

If Yes:  a. Check reason for making another request:

   ___ Desired information listed in abstracts, citations or bibliographies
   ___ Information received from the initial request was inappropriate
   ___ Desired more specific information

b. About how many days did it take to receive a response to the second request?

   ___ days or   ___ the same day

   (No.)

If No:  c. Check the reason for not making another request:

   ___ Information received from initial request was sufficient
   ___ Decision to not make a second request was not related to the degree of satisfaction with the initial request information
   ___ It would be a waste of time to make a second request since information from the initial request was inappropriate
   ___ No information could be identified for the initial request

6. Indicate the amount of time an information service representative spent with you:

   a. in trying to understand or specify your need or problem before requesting information   ___ hour   ___ minute

   b. in helping you interpret or use the information after it was received   ___ hour   ___ minute
WHAT IS PROJECT INFORMS?

In an effort to respond to the growing need of educators to have research information in usable form and available for planning educational programs, the Iowa State Department of Public Instruction has initiated a new service to school districts. This new program is made possible by a federal pilot project granted to the State Department of Public Instruction entitled INFORMS (Iowa Network For Obtaining Resource Materials for Schools).

The goal of the Iowa Project INFORMS is to increase the level of knowledge of educational curriculum and instructional methods available as a result of research and development. This information will provide decision makers with a number of alternatives so local school personnel can select the curriculum and instructional methods that would best serve the needs of their school district.

The ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center) data base forms the main retrieval bank for INFORMS. The ERIC system of 18 subject-oriented clearinghouses has been operating since 1966, collecting and securing current literature and other materials on education research and practice.

WHAT KINDS OF INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE?

- Research Documents - computer searched abstracts and ERIC documents on microfiche.
- Journal Articles - selected from over 500 magazines indexed in Current Journals in Education. Expanded access to many of these magazines is available through the Iowa State Traveling Library and their participation in I-LITE (Iowa Library Information Teletype Exchange).
- PREP Materials - prepackaged information interpreting research, development and best practice methods on specific educational topics.
- Consultative Assistance - State Department of Public Instruction consultants' services are available to INFORMS.

AM I ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE SERVICES FROM PROJECT INFORMS?

INFORMS Field Representatives are located in the Regional Media Centers and/or Joint County Offices in eleven areas: Decorah, Fort Dodge, Marshalltown, Cedar Falls, Dubuque, Davenport, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Sergeant Bluff, Council Bluffs, Ottumwa. If you are not located in one of these areas contact DPI INFORMS directly.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN USE PROJECT INFORMS:

CONTACT:

Miss MaryJo Brunell
INFORMS
Iowa Department of Public Instruction
Grimes State Office Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50319
Educators are often told that there is a great gap between what is known to be good practice and what actually takes place in the schools. Business and industry far surpass the ability of the schools to disseminate information and put new techniques and technology into practice.

With this in mind the State Department of Education has developed a Regional Information Network (RIN), which would be put into action through the sixteen regional media centers. Out of this project has emerged INFORMS.

We are pleased to announce that the Regional Media Center in Area XI is now prepared to offer this new service to your school. We have the staff, resources and dissemination capability to provide you with current information on topics within the areas of curriculum, administration, teaching methods, and techniques, project and program evaluation. The extent of our search will depend on your needs.

As you evaluate your present program or think about possible curricular or administrative changes for the future, we suggest that we can be of great service to you.

RESOURCES

The following resources are available for our use in helping you to search out most any type of educational information you might need.

1. ALERT -- An easy-to-use system which provides objective, summarized, and analyzed information about the best developed and tested innovative programs and projects throughout the country. Prepared by the Far West Laboratory for Educational Research and Development.

2. ELEMENTARY SCIENCE INFORMATION UNIT -- Contains filmstrips and cassettes, with a booklet on each of six major elementary science projects: COPES, ESS, IDP, MINNEMAST, S-APA, and SCIS. Prepared by the Far West Laboratory for Educational Research and Development.

3. SELECT-ED -- A Prescriptive Materials Retrieval System developed at Olathe, Kansas, which enables the user to readily identify instructional materials for individual pupil needs.

4. ERIC -- Educational Resources Information Center. Educational information collected and documented from over the entire country is available to us from a computer bank located in our Data Center. Through search we can provide bibliographies, summaries of ERIC documents, or secure the documents for you on Microfilm from the DPI.

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5. PREP — Putting Research into Educational Practice. A series of monthly reports which focus on current educational problems. They contain a synthesis and interpretation of research, development, and current best practice on specific educational topics.

6. PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY — A collection of outstanding professional books, journals and research tools to aid in the study of almost any topic in the area of education.

7. PRINTING services are available at cost.

Regional Media Center
Area XI
presents
Iowa Network
For
Obtaining
Resource Materials
for Schools

INFORMS
HOW CAN WE SERVE YOUR NEEDS?

1. Search out information on topics
   at your request.

2. Prepare interim or final reports.

3. Prepare research information to
   faculty, groups, school boards,
   citizen's committees, etc.

4. Assist with subject or program
   design based upon our findings.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

There may be no charge at all. It
will depend upon the extent of the search
and the nature of report you desire.

WHO MAY REQUEST THIS SERVICE?

Any public school in Area XI may
request service.

A school district should select one
person to serve as the contact with our
office.

Private schools may apply through
their administrative offices.

HOW DO I INITIATE A REQUEST?

Search request forms are available
from the Regional Media Center.

WHOM DO I CONTACT?

Mrs. Betty M. Atwood, Curriculum
Consultant

112-116, 11th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309
Telephone: 233-6771
V. University of Iowa

A. Memo describing University of Iowa ERIC retrieval system
B. Suggestions for preparing a search request
C. ERIC search statistics and charges, 1971-72.
The term ERIC is an acronym for Educational Resources Information Center which is a division of the Office of Education. This center performs the function of collecting and distributing documents pertaining to all aspects of Educational Research in elementary, secondary and higher levels of Education. The collection process is accomplished through ERIC Clearinghouses where each has responsibility for a specific subject area (note last page). Documents are either requested by or sent to the appropriate clearinghouse where they are screened and processed. Not all documents received are included in the data bases, only those which are felt to be most relevant in their respective field. The distribution process is primarily accomplished by printed and micro-fiche references. More recently, an automated search routine was made available to reduce some of the manual search time required to locate information of interest. This point becomes increasingly important because the files continue to grow in size. The acquisition and support (both financial and procedural) of the Automated ERIC System was made possible by a joint effort of the College of Education, University Library (Education-Psychology Library), and Computer Center. Two files are supported in the Automated ERIC System: the Report Resume and Journal Article files. The content of these files is identical to the Research in Education (RIE) and Current Index to Journals in Education (CIJE) printed references. Both files are quite large (approximately 100,000 documents currently) and continue to grow as quarterly updates are received. Although the majority of users will be from the Education Profession, I must stress that the available literature may be of interest to individuals in other disciplines. Past users of this source of information have included such diverse backgrounds as Dentistry, Library Science, Linguistics and Communications, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Urban Planning.

Support of the Automated ERIC System began on March 15, 1971. After 4-5 months operational experience, we learned of two major problems: First, there were some existing conflict between the data base and search program and secondly, search costs were quite high. With these two problems in mind, a major reprogramming effort was undertaken in an attempt to resolve as many of them as possible. I am pleased to inform you that all of our objectives have been achieved and to a greater degree than was anticipated. Previously, average search costs for the Report Resume and Journal Article Files were $22.00 and $12.00, respectively. Our new average search costs for the Report Resume and Journal Article Files are $8.50 and $5.16, respectively. Our latest component charge schedule follows.
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A new search capability was made available for your use on May 1, 1972. This capability allows you to specify a starting or terminating point (or both) for searching input descriptors. The new search capability is invoked by including the LD or LJ Number (including the LD or LJ prefix) in the Document Reference Number Selection Section. Please note that both files (Report & Journal) are maintained in descending document number order. Therefore, entries made in this section must be made in a reverse logical order. For example, if one were attempting to terminate searching after a specified point you would have to insert the terminating LD or LJ Number in the (AND GREATER THAN) line. Use of this section is optional and in most cases will not be used. Since Logical and Contextual Operators are fixed for this section, the only entry required (or permitted) is the desired LD or LJ Number(s).

The most likely use of this search capability will be for searching new information added to the files. This capability replaces our previous support of a third file (Update File) containing Quarterly Updates of information. If you wish to search new information added to the files, first consult with your ERIC Profile Consultant to obtain the current status of file completeness. Second, check the first page of output from your previous listing to obtain old file completeness information. If new information has been added, enter the Highest Document Reference Number from your previous run (along with LD or LJ prefix -- LD for Report; LJ for Journal) into the (AND GREATER THAN) line and enter input descriptors from your previous run.

Another use of this search capability is when 100 hits have been produced from a previous search. Our past policy regarding the occurrence of 100 hits was to encourage review of output in the interest of qualifying the search request further and then searching the file again. This policy will continue to be encouraged, however in some cases, it is not possible to qualify the search further. If this situation occurs, you are encouraged to use the skipping capability of the Document Reference Number Selection Section. Invoking the skipping capability requires entry of the last (100th) ED or LJ Number in the (AND LESS THAN) line along with your input descriptors. If your input descriptors are changed, you may not want to use the skipping capability (beyond the previously searched area) unless you are sure that no new hits will occur in the previously searched segment of the file.
A new information item has been added to the Report Resume File Updates which provides an indication of document availability on micro-fiche. Beginning with the 1971, 4th quarter update (ED051434-ED054390) and continuing for all future Report Resume Updates, a # symbol will be attached to the end of the document number when the source document is not available on micro-fiche. The absence of the # symbol should imply availability of the source document on micro-fiche.
Adult Education  
Syracuse University  
107 Roney Lane  
Syracuse, New York 13210

Counseling and Personnel Services  
University of Michigan  
611 Church Street  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

Early Childhood Education  
University of Illinois  
805 West Pennsylvania Avenue  
Urbana, Illinois 61801

Disadvantaged  
Teachers College  
Columbia University  
New York, New York 10027

Educational Management  
320 Hendricks Hall  
University of Oregon  
Eugene, Oregon 97403

Educational Media and Technology  
Institute for Communication Research  
Stanford-University  
Stanford, California 94305

Exceptional Children  
Council for Exceptional Children  
1411 South Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Higher Education  
George Washington University  
1 Dupont Circle, Suite 630  
Washington, D. C. 20036

Junior Colleges  
University of California at LA  
405 Hilgard Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90024

Languages and Linguistics  
Modern Language Association of America  
62 5th Avenue  
New York, New York 10011

Library and Information Sciences  
American Society for Information Science  
1140 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20036

Reading  
Indiana University  
204 Pine Hall  
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Rural Education and Small Schools  
New Mexico State University  
University Park Branch  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001

Science and Mathematics Education  
Ohio State University  
1460 West Lane Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43221

Social Studies/Social Science Education  
Social Sciences Building  
970 Aurora Avenue  
Boulder, Colorado 80302

Teacher Education  
1 Dupont Circle  
Suite 616  
Washington, D. C. 20036

Teaching of English  
National Council of Teachers of English  
1111 Kenyon Road  
Urbana, Illinois 61801

Tests, Measurement, and Evaluation  
Educational Testing Service  
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Vocational and Technical Education  
Ohio State University  
1900 Kenny Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43210
These samples illustrate the information available on each of the files as it appears in the various publications which are produced from the ERIC Data Base.

**APPENDIX D**

**REPORT RESUME**

- **ERIC Accession Number**: ED 813 371
- **Author**: Virginia D. T. St. Onge
- **Date published**: Pub Date-19 Apr 66
- **Contract or Grant Number**: Contract No. 4414
- **State Accession Number**: C1R-0141

**THESES**

A portion of the Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors appears to the left with citations identifying the elements of the display. In addition to the tape version, a hard-bound printed version will be available June 15, 1970 from CCM Information Corporation 909 Third Avenue New York New York 10022 Price $7.95 per copy

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**A list of these with abbreviated Journal Title**

**JOURNAL ARTICLE RESUME**

- **Title**: New Policy Encourages Innovation
- **Abbreviated Journal Title**: Agricultural Education
- **Pagination**: Vol. 41, No. 2, January 1970
- **Descriptors**: Agricultural Education, Innovation
- **Annotation**: A list of these with abbreviated Journal Title appears in Current Index to Journals in Education

**L56R**

March 1970
Report Resume:

ED043394

PERSONAL AUTHOR: PRESCOTT, ELIZABETH; AND OTHERS

TITLE: AN INSTITUTIONAL ANALYSIS OF DAY CARE PROGRAM. PART II, GROUP DAY CARE: THE GROWTH OF AN INSTITUTION. FINAL REPORT.

PUBLICATION DATE: JUL 70

DESCRIPTORS: CERTIFICATION; *COMMUNITY ROLE; CONFLICT RESOLUTION; DAY CARE PROGRAMS; *DAY CARE SERVICES; *DECISION MAKING; EARLY CHILDHOOD; EQUIPMENT STANDARDS; FOOD STANDARDS; INSTITUTIONAL ADMINISTRATION; INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES; INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF; *LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY; *STANDARDS

Journal Article:

EJC26290

PERSONAL AUTHOR: GROSS, LOUISE; MACEWAN, PHYLLIS

TITLE: ON DAY CARE.

PUBLICATION DATE: WIN '70

JOURNAL CITATION: WOM REVOLUTION J LIBERATION: 1; 2; 26-29

DESCRIPTORS: ATTITUDES; *CHILD CARE; *CHILD DEVELOPMENT; CHILDHOOD NEEDS; *DAY CARE PROGRAMS; *DAY CARE SERVICES; *ENVIRONMENTAL INFLUENCES; FEMALES; RCLE THEORY; VALUES

EXAMINES QUESTION OF DAY CARE CENTERS IN RELATION TO THEIR CURRENT STATUS, HISTORICAL BACKGROUND, POTENTIAL FOR THE CHILD BOTH EDUCATIONALLY AND ATTITUATIONALLY, AND IDEOLOGY. (CJ)
Suggestions for preparing a search request

1. Obtain input descriptors from the Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors.

2. Refer to the Rotated Descriptor Display in the back of the Thesaurus for noting keyword commonness in your input descriptors.

3. Refer to the Term Usage Statistics (statistics apply to the Report Resume File) listing to obtain the number of occurrences of your input descriptors.

   Avoid using more than one AND Connector Logic unless the chosen descriptors have very high frequency counts.

4. When possible, reduce the number of input terms by using a common keyword, keyword segment (PREFIX, SUFFIX, etc.) or keywords. This is only possible if a common keyword, keyword segment, or keywords are found and are unique to your chosen terms. This information can be found in the Rotated Descriptor Display.

5. Do not abbreviate an input descriptor unless you can reduce the number of input terms. Abbreviation may result in the same number of hits but will require more computer time.

6. Contextual Operator TEXT is about 3-4 times faster than the other Contextual Operators for the same number of hits.

7. The use of qualification by including another term linked by AND Logic is not recommended if the other terms linked by OR Logic will produce less than 100 hits.

8. Search elements using AND NOT Logic should be placed at the end of your search request.

9. A search element using AND Logic defines a group condition. This group can consist of one term or several terms linked with OR Logic. You should organize these groups from smallest to largest when preparing your search request. In the event that you have two or more groups with the same number of input terms, then organize them in the order indicated by item number 11.

10. Some computer time can be saved by ordering your input terms in the following manner:

    a. Terms using OR Logic should be organized in descending frequency count order within each AND group.

    b. Terms or groups using AND Logic should be organized in ascending frequency count order.
Average Search Charge (both files)

Month: JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV
Year: 71 72 107,115

Major changes to QUERY immediately reduced charges dramatically.
VI. Kansas State Department of Education - Project COMMUNICATE

A. Paper describing Project COMMUNICATE - May, 1972
B. Sample monthly ERIC Activities Report - November, 1972
C. Search request form
D. Document request form
E. "Open Education"
F. Promotional brochure
I. Structure

Project Communicate, a pilot information dissemination system was initiated by the Kansas State Department of Education in December, 1971. Project Communicate functions under a full-time director. The project in turn is supervised by the assistant commissioner of the Division of Development, one of five divisions in the state department. (Appendix A)

The Kansas dissemination system serves 13 school districts in a pilot area, utilizing varied degrees of information saturation. A project field consultant provides in-depth service to four of the districts; three districts receive consultant service from the project director--service which is limited by the press of other duties. Six districts request and receive information by mail.

Districts in the pilot area have enrollments ranging from 550 to 2500. When one of the largest urban school districts (34, 080) in Kansas is added to the pilot area early in the 1972-73 academic year, a second field consultant will be in charge.

II. Purpose

The purpose of Project Communicate is to supply information which will promote the adoption of new educational practices by educational decision-
makers in the pilot area, and in the state department. Specific objectives of the project are:

1. to affect a significant change in identification of educational needs within the pilot area.

2. to acquaint personnel of the pilot school districts with the services of Project Communicate.

3. to provide through various information resources, a choice of alternatives to educators for successfully achieving objectives.

4. to establish linkages between state and local levels that are required to promote adoption of new educational practices.

5. to influence attitudes among educators and the public within the pilot region for more widespread adoption of new educational practices.

6. to periodically evaluate the system.

III. Function

Topics covered in requests for information from pilot schools range in scope from the general to the specific—the traditional to the progressive. All requests are processed and coded by the project librarian in the central office who also screens the collected material for topic relevancy before it is returned to the client. The field consultant personally takes requests from his districts, delivers each individualized packet of information, and assists in any desired interpretation and application of the requested information. (See system flow chart)
Several divergent information resources are utilized either individually or in combinations to fill requests.

IV. Resources

1. Financial: Federal

2. Staff: Director
   Field Consultants (2)
   Project Librarian (Compilations Information Specialist)
   Informational Writer
   Secretary I
   Clerk Steno I

3. Research Information:

   Computerized Information
   ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center)
   CIJE (Current Index to Journals in Education)
   Kansas Promising Practices (as of October 1972)
   Consultants (as of October 1972)

   Ready Reference
   PREP (Putting Research into Educational Practice)
   ALERT Materials (Alternatives for Learning through Educational Research and Technology)
   Timely Topics (current interest booklets produced by the project staff)
   Vertical File

4. Libraries:

   Department of Education professional library (over 300 educational magazines)
   State Library (two blocks from project office)
   Kansas State University Library
PROJECT COMMUNICATE
Information System Flow Chart

(1) Requests originate from KSDE staff, from Level I or Level II schools by mail (Form 50-06-101), or from field agent (Form 50-06-100).

(2) Project director screens request.

(3) If an ambiguity or other discrepancy exists, the client is contacted.

(4) Information is typed on form 50-06-100 (field office sends form 50-06-100 completed) 4-part NCR.

(5) 720000 series number is stamped on form 50-06-100, Log Sheet, working envelope and 3 x 5 card.

(6) If possible the request is filled by Ready Reference.

(7) Descriptors - key punch - filed - IBM card and form 50-06-100.

(8) Quick reference - an interest retaining technique for searches that cannot be filled by Ready Reference.

(9) Search procedure is determined.


(11) Descriptors - key punch - file - IBM card and form 50-06-100.

(12) Material is packaged and sent to client or field office.

(13) Computer search.

(14) Descriptors - key punch - file IBM card and form 50-06-100.

(15) Search logic is written.

(16) Key punch logic.

(17) Print out from computer.

(18) Print out is screened.

(19) If no -- rewrite logic.

(20) Hiliting abstracts to help client and to give feedback to logic writer.

(21) Print out is packaged with order form (50-06-102) and returned to client. Form 50-06-100 is enclosed with field office package.
Project Communicate is the name chosen for the model comprehensive information system that the Kansas State Department of Education began implementing in December, 1971.

Kansas Project Communicate has established its pilot area, which includes twelve school systems of various sizes and various levels of information saturation. There are three school districts in each of four levels, containing approximately the same number of attendance centers, certified and non-certified personnel, and student population.

**Level Four** -- has full information saturation with a full-time field agent, i.e., one person's total responsibility. The field agent is a full-time change agent and uses the retrieval information in two ways: (1) a true information base for decision making, and (2) entry into the school system. The agent actively solicits information requests. There is at this level an attempt to identify latent innovators, opinion leaders, and other persons who will most likely utilize the information to promote change. He acts as a catalyst to coordinate other resources (such as outside consultants). The agent gives a slide presentation at each attendance center, explains the information retrieval system, leaves brochures about the project, and entertains questions.

**Level Three** -- has a part-time field agent because he has other duties. There is no active attempt to identify opinion leaders or others more likely to use the information retrieved to promote change. There is no active attempt to identify and use groups to bring more social pressure on late adoptors. The agent gives slide presentations and leaves brochures as in Level Four.
Level Two -- has no field agent. At each attendance center a staff member gives a slide presentation that explains the project, passes out brochures and entertains questions. After the initial contact the procedure is conducted by mail. The educator sends in a postage-paid card to obtain information.

Level One -- has no field agent or personal contact. A brochure explaining the project is mailed to each educator. This brochure has an attached business reply card so that the person can obtain information.

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INTRODUCTION

Open Education is a pertinent subject. Material in this publication attempts to provide information about the topic to be used by educational practitioners and decision makers.

The first section is a summary of open education. This should give the reader an overview of possible alternatives to the traditional classroom.

The second section is a computer print-out of abstracts of ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center) documents. Also included is a list of libraries that have an ERIC collection.

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OPEN EDUCATION

"The term open education, refers to an approach to elementary school teaching which has spread widely throughout the British infant school enrolling children ages 5-7 since World War II--and which has been cropping up in a variety of American classrooms over the past four or five years," according to a 1971 report in Nation's Schools.

The major thing that the practice of open education requires is a different philosophy of approach to learning--one less formal, sometimes called more humane than that which is traditional. The philosophy began at least as far back as Rousseau and was later espoused by certain educators--among the more notable--Maria Montessori and John Dewey. In more recent years research in early childhood development confirmed this philosophy--the findings of Jean Piaget, a Swiss psychologist most widely acclaimed.

The central ideas of the philosophy, states the Nation's Schools report, are that "children learn in different ways at different times from things around them which interest them and from each other. And that children learn best when sparked by their own interests."
The Open Approach is Diverse

In England the open approach is confined to the infant schools housed either in separate buildings or together with the juniors. However, in the latter case, the approach is still limited to youngsters ages five-seven. Kindergarten ways continue to prevail through grades one and two. Cohen (1972) states: "Children are expected to learn to read and write but an infant classroom ... gives no special status to the three R's over other areas of learning ... a young child who builds a wagon out of wood, who paints a picture, or dresses up to give a play is not considered any less productive than the child who copies his letters or reads a book."

In the United States the open approach is applied in diverse ways for several reasons. For one thing, the practice is not confined to the very early grades but may in fact evolve in one, in several, or in all grade(s) at the elementary level. For another, except in rare cases, there is not the casual approach to learning that characterizes the English style and reading particularly is always the focus of much parental concern. For a third reason, essentially the aim of the British informal schools is not to lose sight of the original open philosophy that each child is unique. The American schools, however, respond to the needs of an expanded age range and parental concern about learning progress by providing self-paced, individualized instruction in an open setting. Prescribed curriculum sends each child toward the ultimate same goal (Weber, 1971).

However, the very fact there is no blueprint to begin or conduct an open classroom, works perhaps in its favor. Richman (1972) says that
"it defies 'packaging'." An individual teacher can open up a classroom gradually, adopting only what seems to work best for him and the children--still keeping within the administrative framework of the traditional school.

**Teachers Interested in the Approach**

Resnik (1971) reports that individual teachers in American elementary schools are interested in the open approach. "... in almost any school one visits there are at least a few teachers who are either experimenting with the open concept or thinking about trying it."

Basically, states Nyquist (1971), the open approach "discards the familiar elementary classroom organization and the traditional stylized roles of teachers and pupil ... to provide a kind of schooling which permits children to learn at their own pace and in their own way."

In the transition, the informal setting is achieved by a decentralization process that provides clusters of tables and establishes interest centers about the room. The centers are stocked with a rich store of learning materials. Children choose their projects with subtle guidance from the teacher. The result produces much interaction of the children with the teacher and with each other.

Resnik (1971), a former teacher now an education journalist, who visits many classrooms each year, describes a typical open room:

Most of the ones I've seen have large worktables instead of desks. The children keep their belongings in cubbyholes. There is no front of the room in the traditional sense. Upon entering an open classroom, one often has to look around for awhile to find the teacher who may be sitting with a small group of students on the floor, playing a game or conducting a mini-lesson.

In the best open classrooms I've seen, each of these areas is filled with thought-provoking learning
materials. A language arts corner might have word games and books for a variety of reading levels. Other common items in interest centers include animals, plants, balancing and measuring equipment for math, Cuisenaire rods, games, blocks and sandboxes. The classroom is something like a miniature carnival.

Children usually work independently or in small groups and are free to move around the room to talk to anyone or explore the centers until they find some product with which they can become really involved.

A great deal is made of the importance of the right materials provided for learning in the informal classroom but in reality open education experts agree that "the success or the failure of an open school approach rests not on the materials but on the teacher." Richman (1972)

Teacher Change is Demanded

Overall the shift to the open approach asks a great deal of a teacher states Nation's Schools (1971):

For one thing it requires a very radical shift in what she thinks education should be. For another it asks her to throw out a lot of conventional wisdom about teaching, that learning goals should be identical for each child, that a teacher preplans and schedules the time and work for her students and that specific times must be blocked out for presenting specific subjects.

Rogers (1971) states that it is essential that the teacher "begin to change his attitude towards children and learning, to become more an observer and listener, to become more responsive to children's interests and needs." Resnik (1971) says that open room teachers tend "to encourage play, spontaneity and individual creativity much more than the traditional ones do."

In accepting the challenge of an open classroom, many believe teaching becomes more work. Grade cards in the conventional sense are being
replaced by the more explicit evaluation reports so a teacher keeps records of what and how each child is doing. "I see no point in A's, B's, and C's," Weber (1971) emphasizes. "We want growth points so every teacher keeps a record of where the child is."

And although there is a profusion of commercial materials available, many open classroom teachers spend a great deal of time collecting or improvising "stuff" as British teachers call learning materials in the open classroom (Silberman, 1970).

In fact "stuff" appears to be limited only by the scope of the teacher's imagination and invention.

**Learning Materials are Not Confined to Textbooks**

Rogers (1971) listed materials as diverse in nature as bottle caps, popsicle sticks, typewriters, printing materials and animals. Silberman devoted a full page in *Crisis in the Classroom* to describing items he had seen used in England's open rooms.

"Each is there," Rogers says, "because the teacher decided there are obvious learning possibilities inherent in these materials. This is a different sort of structure from that usually found in a traditional classroom but it is neither random or unplanned." He continues. "I hasten to add, incidentally, that open teachers use many materials that are found in traditional classrooms, including workbooks, textbooks, programmed materials of various sorts, and so on. However, such materials rarely become the curriculum. They are used with individual children if the material meets a specific need. The difference lies in how such material is used."
Children are Free to Choose Projects

One of the basic tenets of the open approach is that learning is individualized. Children are not compared. Neither do they compete with one another for grades.

In the classroom, according to Nyquist (1971) "they move around freely, working together on their own or in small groups with the teacher. The overall learning process appears to be casual, random and spontaneous."

There is much interaction but activities as a class are limited. Richman (1972) states that "a child is free much of the time to choose his own projects. The teacher creates the learning situation but the children will be expected to work independently without expecting to be directed within an inch of their lives."

'Opening Up' the Room Gradually is Best

Rogers (1971) recommends reading what others have said about the open approach but says that the "best way to get the feel of open education is to visit classrooms operated this way. Talk with the teacher, observe the kids and ask them questions." Once ready to begin, according to Richman (1972), "a teacher may open the classroom for one or two periods a week or one period a day gradually retraining herself and the children as they go."

A first grade teacher in Arizona opened her classroom gradually over a span of three years, according to a report in Early Years (1972). The magazine states that there occurred "in between the 'before' and 'after' lots of close observation and soul-searching to find out what worked, what didn't ... and indeed whether the teacher really wanted it to."
The teacher persisted though and now has "plenty of learning center freedom for the children coupled with teacher-comforting time controls borrowed from the old style classroom." The teacher says:

The centers made my children more independent - they're learning to learn from each other and to dig out information on their own. I have few discipline problems - the kids are so involved. And, best of all, I have more time for one-to-one and small group instruction because I'm not wasting it reteaching things to children who learned them the first time around and don't need a rehash.

However, for a teacher who would try it, Richman (1972) advises that the principal must lend his support and parents must be informed from the outset of the program for as long as it continues.

Open Schools in America

The open approach to education in the United States as in England is commonly adopted at the elementary level and is practiced in any type of building. In this country, however, greater latitude in interpretation of the open philosophy permits application in many ways.

Resnik (1971) points out that although few in number - there are rapidly growing programs in various parts of the United States. The North Dakota open school concept is being developed as a part of a comprehensive education change program being undertaken at the state level. In New York City a pilot project, The Open Door, has opened up certain existing elementary school rooms. Open Door teachers come from the City College of New York as part of a training and retraining program in the school of education. Both the North Dakota and New York programs and one in Washington, D. C., according to Silberman (1970), "represent conscious adaptations and modifications of the English experiments." In addition there are a few open style programs in public schools in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
San Antonio, Texas, and Tucson, Arizona; and the open approach is among other innovations being tried in campus experimental schools, private schools and specialized projects. (Head Start and Follow Through for examples).

An increasing number of schools in the United States, however, adopt the open concept to coincide with moving into a new open space building. In the open space schools there is prescribed curriculum; individualized instruction; team teaching and much reliance on testing. Characteristically, technology provides much support.

Certain open education advocates question the spirit of true openness in these type of American schools: according to Hapgood (1971) "the English have not relied on the panaceas of programmed instruction, educational hardware or what one head (British Principal*) called 'the cauldron' of team teaching." And Resnik (1971) states that "teaching machines, programmed learning kits, instructional materials centers and other elements in the new diversification of instruction do not necessarily spell genuine openness and independence of the learner. If the classrooms are open in name only, he can still be a prisoner of the conventional curriculum and achievements tests while working 'on his own' in interest centers."

Whatever the interpretation of the open approach, it is going to be subject to parental concern in America, particularly regarding competence in academic skills. Parents often ask, "Are they getting as much reading? Are they 'up' on everything as in regular classes?" (Andreae, 1970). Some parents even wonder whether learning in a school that children seem to enjoy can possibly be organized enough to be effective. A common question relates to structure.

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Examples of Open Education in Kansas

Virginia Lundy, the principal of Bishop Elementary School, Topeka, tells that when a parent referring to Bishop's open classroom asks, "Do you have structure in your room?", she answers, "Yes, but I just hope the kids don't find it out."

She continued by saying that most children are flexible enough to adapt but that we must have a structure "it seems to me" for the teacher on a team in the open room who has had to give up so much that offers security. An advantage of being a member of a team, Miss Lundy said, is that "team polices team rather than a parent reporting something amiss."

The large open room with space provided for the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades--an addition to the existing building--was completed in March, 1970. Low bookstands separate the individual areas occupied by each grade. A team of nine teachers is in charge of the room and three teachers supervise each grade.

Although the principal would prefer it, Bishop's open classroom does not have multi-age grouping. For purposes of individualized instruction children are grouped within each grade according to the job each is doing at the time. For example--in reading a child starts at the level he demonstrates he can handle although he may be reading ahead or behind others his age.

All grades at Bishop receive conventional-type grade cards except for the first graders who are evaluated. The evaluation report shows the rate the child learned since skills that he mastered are recorded in cumulative fashion.

In the near future Virginia Lundy looks toward developing evaluation reports for grades 2 and 3 and organizing "interest" centers in the open room.
Criticism voiced by some that permissiveness is a characteristic of the open school would be questioned by Wilbur Jones, principal of Ray Marsh School, (K-6) Shawnee. Marsh students are encouraged to move about freely and they have proved worthy of that trust. The principal explained: "We curtail privileges of the five percent of the children that do not cooperate but will not penalize the other ninety-five percent for others' misdeeds."

When it was decided to replace the former school, Principal Jones and the staff helped in designing the new building. The major criterion was that the new structure would fit the new learning concept. The result is an open space building in which there is one permanent inner wall. The wall divides two large open areas - one occupied by the primary - the other by the intermediate grades.

Generally speaking, the Marsh concept provides for individualized instruction, non-graded levels, multi-age grouping and curriculum teams. Evaluation-type reports are used at both the primary and intermediate levels.

The principal and the staff function as a unit in all activities relating to the children and in other policy matters. The curriculum teams assist Mr. Jones in hiring new teachers.

In USD 342 at McLouth, six teachers in the elementary school (K-3) began in academic year 1972-73 to initiate a non-graded primary classroom in a traditional building. The no-fail philosophy is behind the concept says the kindergarten teacher who spearheaded development of the program but she also says that achieving such a goal will require good reaction from the community.

By the end of September, the non-graded program had been applied in the areas of science and social studies with math and reading to follow as
time and resources allow.

The children enrolled in the primary grades choose their participatory work in science and social studies regardless of age, grade or ability. The result is that each of the five units presently offered in science are taught simultaneously in five individual rooms to a mix of ages 5-8. Each child chooses three units of five offered. Teachers teach their assigned unit to three separate groups—completion time one week for each unit.

As a part of social studies, inviting persons from the community to explain their occupations has provided an interaction with adults that the children enjoy.

Author observation, however, was confined to science—specifically the unit on the honeybee which was being taught by Mrs. Marilyn Vernon, kindergarten teacher. At a designated time in the afternoon, an interchange of the children sent all but three or four kindergarteners off to other rooms. Those remaining were joined by children from grades 1-3.

Some of the children sat at tables, others on the floor while Mrs. Vernon drew a honeybee on the board. The children helped by labeling the parts. Later all moved to tables to freehand their versions of the bee. One child joyously confided that "tomorrow will be honey-tasting day." There was an informal and relaxed atmosphere which provided ample opportunity to help one another.

The non-graded concept required a lot of planning ahead, according to Mrs. Vernon. The six teachers involved met every day one week after school was out and had everything set up before summer vacation.

Mrs. Vernon said that it is important that a teacher be well orientated into the community before trying changes and even then changes have to be.
accomplished gradually. She began teaching at McLouth seven years ago in the same year that Kenneth Rundle became superintendent and he expresses great confidence in her judgment.

The McLouth teachers envision establishing interest centers. For instance, they have considered setting up a mystery table or perhaps bookshelves in the corridor where children may pick up books at any time.

The correlation of time required for the scheduling of sound films or of the visiting guests from the community—for examples—is a problem.

"At the moment I must say that it is still mostly group work," said Mrs. Vernon. "The children can't cope with freedom yet in kindergarten. It will take at least six weeks for them to settle down to the new school situation.

"I had excellent cooperation in organizing the program and certainly could not have gotten as far as I am now without assistance. Actually two of the teachers are new this year but we all will meet soon as a group and will get expressions of opinion regarding the program. My overall feeling is a very positive one!"
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A CLASSROOM OBSERVATION RATING SCALE, BASED UPON A RECENT ANALYSIS OF THE LITERATURE AND CONCEPTUALLY VERIFIED BY OPEN EDUCATION ADVOCATES, EFFECTIVELY DIFFERENTIATED BRITISH AND AMERICAN OPEN CLASSROOMS FROM AMERICAN TRADITIONAL CLASSROOMS. THE INFLUENCE OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC SETTINGS WAS ALSO DEMONSTRATED. FOR THE THREE COMPARISON GROUPS, MORE FEATURES OF OPEN EDUCATION WERE FOUND IN HIGHER SOCIO-ECONOMIC SETTINGS THAN IN LOWER ONES. RATER-RELIABILITY FOR THE CLASSROOM OBSERVATION MEASURE WAS HIGH. THE CLASSROOM OBSERVATION RATING SCALE IS RECOMMENDED AS A SURVEY INSTRUMENT IN A SCHOOL SYSTEM THAT IS BEGINNING TO EXPERIMENT WITH OPEN EDUCATION. BASELINE DATA CAN BE GATHERED AND THE MEASURE CAN BE REPEATEDLY USED TO CHART CHANGES IN CLASSROOM PRACTICES. A TEACHER QUESTIONNAIRE, PARALLEL IN FORM TO THE CLASSROOM OBSERVATION RATING SCALE, MAY BE USED IN WORKSHOPS AS A STARTING POINT FOR A DIALOGUE ABOUT TEACHING. BOTH MEASURES CAN BE CONSIDERED AS INITIAL STEPS IN ADDING GREATER THEORETICAL PRECISION AND EMPIRICAL UNDERSTANDING TO THE CONCEPT OF OPEN EDUCATION. (AUTHOR)
ABSTRACT. THIS STUDY ATTEMPTED TO PROVIDE AN ANALYTIC BASIS FOR AN OPERATIONAL DEFINITION OF OPEN EDUCATION. THE BASIC AIDS WERE 1) TO DEFINE SOME OF THE ESSENTIAL PEDAGOGICAL FEATURES OF OPEN EDUCATION; 2) TO DEVELOP EXPLICIT, CONCRETE INDICATORS FOR EACH FEATURE; 3) TO CHECK THE VALIDITY OF THE INDICATORS WITH THE MAJOR WRITINGS ON THE SUBJECT AND WITH IMPORTANT THEORISTS AND PRACTITIONERS IN THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN; AND 4) TO MAKE COMPARISONS TO OTHER RELEVANT APPROACHES, SUCH AS PROGRESSIVE AND AFFECTIVE EDUCATION. EIGHT MAJOR THEMES WERE USED AS A FRAMEWORK: 1) INSTRUCTION—GUIDANCE AND EXTENSION OF LEARNING; 2) PROVISIONING THE CLASSROOM FOR LEARNING; 3) DIAGNOSIS OF LEARNING EVENTS; 4) REFLECTIVE EVALUATION OF DIAGNOSTIC INFORMATION; 5) HUMANISM—RESPECT, OPENNESS AND WARMTH; 6) SEEKING OPPORTUNITIES TO PROMOTE GROWTH; 7) SELF-PERCEPTION—THE TEACHER'S VIEW OF HERSELF AND HER ROLE; AND 8) ASSUMPTIONS—IDEAS ABOUT CHILDREN AND THE PROCESS OF LEARNING. SPECIFIC WORKS OF 28 SELECTED AUTHORS WERE EXAMINED AND ANALYZED FOR THEIR ATTENTION TO EACH OF THE EIGHT THEMES. THE AUTHORS WERE CLASSIFIED AS WRITERS OF HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE, PROGRESSIVE EDUCATORS, POPULAR CRITICS, AFFECTIVE EDUCATORS, AND WRITERS ON OPEN EDUCATION. A LIST OF PEDAGOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS IS PRESENTED, EACH ACCOMPANIED BY ILLUSTRATIVE QUOTATIONS FROM THE LITERATURE. (MEM)
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ABSTRACT.

THIS REPORT OUTLINES A SET OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS BY MEANS OF WHICH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION MIGHT PROCEED TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE A TYPE OF SCHOOLING CALLED OPEN EDUCATION. PART I OF THE REPORT, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE SUPPORT OF OPEN-INFORMAL EDUCATION, IS COMPRISED OF FIVE SECTIONS: I. INTRODUCTION; II. THE PROBLEM OF TERMINOLOGY; III. THE PROBLEM OF DEFINITION; IV. TENTATIVE DEFINITION OF OPEN EDUCATION; AND V. RATIONALE FOR OPEN EDUCATION. PART II, CENTRAL ISSUES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OPEN EDUCATION, CONTAINS TWO SECTIONS: I. INTRODUCTION; AND II. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TOPICS. THESE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TOPICS ARE: 1. ATTRIBUTES AND BEHAVIOR OF TEACHERS RELATED TO EFFECTIVE OPEN INFORMAL TEACHING; 2. AUTHORITY, CONTROL AND PERMISSIVENESS IN TEACHERS; 3. DETERMINANTS OF TEACHER BEHAVIOR; 4. TEACHER SELECTION AND TRAINING; AND 5. APPROACHES TO TEACHER TRAINING. PROBLEMS RELATED TO OPEN INFORMAL EDUCATION ARE SEEN TO BE THOSE INVOLVING ADMINISTRATION, LEADERSHIP STYLE, SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS, CURRICULUM MATERIALS, AND EVALUATION. AN APPENDIX COMPARES TEACHER-DIRECTED LEARNING AND TEACHER-FACILITATED LEARNING. (D9)
TITLE: \textit{Mindless? Seat Work About the Open Classroom.}

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ABSTRACT: This paper reports on alternative programs to current educational practice as a means of overcoming some institutional barriers to change. The program reported on the "Tucson Early Education Model," a comprehensive educational program which encompasses all of the epistemological biases of the open classroom as specified in the introduction to this paper. Specifically, this paper specifies how certain psychological principles may be used to provide an effective learning environment for young children in the natural environment of early childhood education. In the context, the teacher is aware of the ways in which children model human behavior, and of the conditions which facilitate the effects of modeling. It is a function of the teacher to influence the growth of children in a very positive and effective way. By this process, the teacher learns to discriminate from the social environment which characteristic of open classrooms and classrooms children for their purposes. The open classroom teacher: an important assumption in the program is that children are for learning well in the final analysis best with the teacher.
ABSTRACT.
SYSTEMATIC OBSERVATION OF TEACHER BEHAVIOR IN SEVERAL CLASSROOMS OF AN INFORMAL BRITISH INFANT SCHOOL WAS UNDERTAKEN IN ORDER TO DETERMINE TYPICAL PATTERNS OF INTERACTION BETWEEN TEACHER AND CHILD. AMONG THE MAJOR FINDINGS REPORTED ARE THE FOLLOWING: 1) A TYPICAL PATTERN OF TEACHER BEHAVIOR IN WHICH EXTENDED SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH ONE OR A GROUP OF CHILDREN ARE INTERSPERSED WITH VERY BRIEF EXCHANGES, USUALLY CHILD-INITIATED AND OFTEN CONCERNED WITH ORGANIZATION OR MANAGEMENT QUESTIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN; 2) EXTENDED INTERACTIONS WHICH ARE DOMINATED BY QUESTIONING OF THE CHILD WITH RESPECT TO SUBSTANTIVE (ACADEMIC), PERSONAL, AND SELF-MANAGEMENT ASPECTS OF THE TASK ON WHICH HE IS WORKING; AND 3) BRIEF INTERACTIONS WHICH ARE HEAVILY CHILD-INITIATED AND PLAY A CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS AN INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTION. THE BASIS OF THESE DATA AND OTHER REPORTS, INFORMAL TEACHING STYLES ARE ANALYZED FOR THEIR MEANS OF FULFILLING CRITICAL EDUCATIONAL FUNCTIONS.
THE AUTHOR CONTENDS THAT THE OPENNESS OF A PROGRAM CAN BE DETERMINED BY THE OPPORTUNITIES WHICH ARE PROVIDED FOR CERTAIN BEHAVIORS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS TO OCCUR. EVEN THOUGH THE SPECIFIC CONTENT OF THE OPEN EDUCATION PROGRAMS MAY VARY, THE DEGREES OF FREEDOM FOR BEHAVING OR THE RELATIVE PRESENCE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR DIVERSE INVOLVEMENT DO NOT. THE PAPER DESCRIBES PROCEDURES AND RESEARCH UNDERTAKEN TO MEASURE THIS FACET OF OPENNESS BY MEANS OF A PROGRAM STRUCTURE INDEX AND A SPECIFIC VERSION OF THE PROCEDURE, THE OPEN PROGRAM STRUCTURE INDEX (OPSI). THE CONCERN OF THE GENERAL PROCEDURE IS TO CHARACTERIZE THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT IS POSSIBLE FOR A SPECIFIED BEHAVIOR, ACTIVITY, OR EVENT TO OCCUR IN A PROGRAM SETTING, AND ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE USE OF THIS PROCEDURE ARE INCLUDED. IN THE OPEN PROGRAM STRUCTURE INDEX, 15 SPECIFIC ITEMS ARE USED AS THE BEHAVIOR AND ACTIVITY CRITERIA, AND THE PROGRAM IS SPECIFIED AS IT OCCURS ON A TYPICAL DAY. RATINGS ARE MADE FOR EACH CRITERION USED AND FOR EACH TIME PERIOD DESCRIBED. THE PROCEDURE HAS BEEN USED TO INDEX OPENNESS IN SEVERAL SCHOOL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS AND APPEARS TO BE METRICALLY ADEQUATE. INDICATIONS ARE THAT OPSI CAN BE USED TO INDEX A FULL RANGE OF PROGRAMS RELIABLY AND VALIDLY, AND THAT IT IS ALSO ADAPTABLE FOR RATING THE COMPONENTS OF A PROGRAM. (MMR)

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ABSTRACT... THIS SURVEY AUDITS BOTH CURRENT AND FORMER OPEN PLAN SCHOOL TEACHERS, MOST OF WHO SUPPORT THE USE OF THIS CONCEPT FOR THE MAJORITY OF PUPILS. THERE ARE SOME RESERVATIONS, AND CHANGES IN TEACHER TRAINING, FACILITIES, AND PROCEDURES ARE RECOMMENDED. (DLG)

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ABSTRACT... MANY OF THE PACEMAKER BRITISH INFANT SCHOOLS POSSESS CHARACTERISTICS WHICH ADVOCATES OF OPEN EDUCATION WOULD LIKE TO SEE REPLICATED IN THIS COUNTRY. BUT IN THIS EXAMINATION OF THE QUALITIES AND GOALS OF OPEN OR "DEVELOPMENTAL" EDUCATION, AMERICAN EDUCATORS ARE CAUTIONED AGAINST OVERSIMPLIFYING AND ROMANTICIZING DEVELOPMENTS IN BRITAIN. EDUCATORS IN THIS COUNTRY SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE BRITISH PACEMAKER SCHOOLS DEVELOPED AND THE IDEAS THAT GUIDED THIS PROCESS. SOME OF THE QUALITIES OF OPEN EDUCATION ARE DISCUSSED AND CONTRASTED WITH THOSE OF TRADITIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAMS. SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF PACEMAKER CALIBER PROGRAMS IN THE UNITED STATES INCLUDE IDEAS FOR INVOLVING TEACHERS, CHILDREN AND PARENTS IN THE PROCESS OF CHANGING AND FOR DEVELOPING INCREASED INDEPENDENCE AND INITIATIVE ON THE PART OF BOTH CHILDREN AND TEACHERS. (WJ)
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DESCRIPTION: This guide highlights innovative projects involving projects involving innovative educational changes, describes 102 programs in elementary and secondary schools in Massachusetts. The projects cover a wide range of educational interests, including school administration and environment, guidance and special needs programs, curriculum areas, total program experimentation, and school management. Each project description includes a statement of objectives and content, evaluative comments, professional emphasis, 3-year plan, costs, and information sources.

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TITLE: THE FIRST 10 DAYS: INTEREST CENTERS.

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ABSTRACT: INTEREST CENTERS ARE DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE OTHER CHILDREN IN THE CLASS WHILE A SMALL GROUP WORKS WITH THE TEACHER ON THE ORAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM. THIS MANUAL IS INTENDED TO ASSIST TEACHERS IN ORGANIZING THE CENTERS, WHICH WILL BE USED FOR ABOUT AN HOUR EACH DAY. ARRANGEMENT OF FURNITURE IS DISCUSSED, SUGGESTIONS ARE MADE FOR AN ART CENTER, LIBRARY CENTER, AND SELF-INSTRUCTION CENTER, AND THE DAILY ROUTINE FOR USING EACH CENTER IS OUTLINED. DETAILED LESSON PLANS ARE PROVIDED FOR THE FIRST 10 DAYS, WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER ACTIVITIES. FOUR APPENDICES EXPLAIN HOW THE SERVICES OF A TEACHER AIDE CAN BE USED, HOW TO PREPARE "THINNER BOXES" OF ACTIVITIES AND GAMES TO DEVELOP CONCEPTS AND SKILLS, THE POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF INTEREST CENTERS TO ART OF SAND, WATER, WOODWORK, HOUSE AREA, AND BUILDING BLOCK ACTIVITIES, AND SAMPLE PLANS FOR THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE CLASSROOM. (MBM)
ARTICLES


A director of early childhood education programs at Illinois State University, Champaign, describes the open approach initiated at an experimental school operated jointly by the Champaign public school system and the university. Three open classrooms in the primary unit aim simultaneously at preparing teacher trainers and retraining classroom teachers.

BARTH, Roland S. "So You Want to Change to an Open Classroom?" Phi Delta Kappan, October 1971, pp. 97-99.

Barth has prepared 29 assumptions about learning and knowledge for measurement in degrees of agreement or disagreement by a potential rater. Barth opinionizes necessity of a "strongly agree" rating on the majority of the assumptions for any educator seriously considering the open education concept.


The self-selection classroom first created and developed by the author when teaching sixth grade, offered daily self-scheduling (daily at the intermediate level, weekly at the primary level); frequently changing heterogeneous grouping; and self-directing and self-correcting materials to learn with.


A reading consultant in a public school discusses how to: determine specific reading needs of each child; organize a reading program for meeting those needs; and establish learning centers offering a variety of interest materials.


Author of the first articles on British Infant schools which appeared in The New Republic in 1967 here enumerates and analyzes the various reasons that open education has achieved popularity of feverish proportions in America.
The great room is an addition to a North Kingston Rhode Island conventional campus-type high school. Objectives in building the addition were to add space for 1000 students at a minimum per pupil cost and to humanize education, at the same time providing improvements durable beyond fads.

GOMOLAK, Lou. "Open Education: the most sensuous classroom that I've ever seen." Nation's Schools, May 1971, pp. 52-55.

A staff reporter from the magazine writes quite candidly about the first open classroom he had occasion to visit. Gomolak's observation that everyone is touching something—painting, measuring, inventing, creating—prompts description "sensuous."


An admirer of the English infant classroom which she visited in 1971 as a Fellow in early childhood education, is not enchanted with the results in some American classrooms imitating the British style. She believes the rooms can be improved by taking the transitional approach. "... children can have a chance to be educated to freedom while teachers learn to grant it...more and more can be attempted without the threat of disaster."


The Minnesota State Department of Education monthly publication devotes an issue to innovative practices in the state, including the Open School in St. Paul.


A former principal of Matzke (Texas) School that was planned and designed specifically to encourage innovative practices, discusses the position of the principal in an open plan school.

MACK, Don, and KEMP, Kay. "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Open Education* and never knew whom to ask." Grade Teacher, April 1972, pp. 66-70+.

Two members of a teaching team in a Culver City (California) elementary school provide some "how to do it" answers backed by five years of teaching experience in the open classroom.
McNALLY, Lawrence, and FLEMING, Glenn. "'Quest' for an Alternative." Educational Leadership, February 1971, pp. 490-3.

QUEST is a model program created by the Campus-School, State University of (Cortland) New York. The objective is to provide evidence that the open theory applied to curriculum decision-making, evaluation, and teacher redirection, can be translated to actual practice in any school.


Opposite stands are taken on the subject of open education: a principal of a school that has made the change to the open classroom is happy that the school tried it; a teacher who points out strengths and weaknesses of the open approach appears to believe there is more of the latter.


At Wilson Campus School, Mankato (Minn.) State College, the teacher role entails very little formal class-room work but functions as a resource readily available to individual students. The students create their own schedules, set their own pace, and foster their own interests and purposes at this school devoted to experimentation and innovation.

NYQUIST, Ewald B. "The Concept of Open Education." The Science Teacher, September 1971, pp. 25-8 (condensed The Educational Digest, November 1971, pp. 9-12.)

The Commissioner of Education, New York, discusses the philosophy, historical perspectives and implications of open education. An advocate of the open concept, Nyquist believes that "schools should change a little at a time so that children and teachers can grow with the change."

"Open Classroom, American-Style." Early Years, April 1972, pp. 28-38.

Each of three teachers who placed in a "learning center" competition sponsored by the magazine, contributes a summary paragraph and floorplan drawing of her winning idea.

"Open Education: Can British School Reforms Work Here?" Nation's Schools, May 1971, pp. 47-51 (condensed The Education Digest, September 1971, pp.5-8.)

The first article of three in a comprehensive special report on the open education concept delves into the philosophy of the approach, historic roots, the ideal roles of teachers and students, and the apprehensions--although for different reasons--of both exponents and detractors toward its future. (The report includes an extensive list of books, films, human resources on Open Education, pp. 60-61.)

Three pronged report on open education provides questions for answer by Lillian Weber, director of the Open Door program in New York City. Typical topics include: differences in roles of British and American teachers; teacher activity, typical day, open room; major problems of open classroom teachers; criteria for measuring child's performance and progress; how principals should begin change to open education.

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A sampling of new or proposed school construction around state by the New York State Education Department, indicated that the open education concept and open space building are not necessarily wedded.


Offering challenge to the belief of some that open education can exist only in an open space building is the Wisconsin State University Laboratory School. The school, housed in a 43-year old school building is dedicated to the premise that successful innovations evolved there can be moved to any classroom.


Alternatives to the present American education system is divided into two broad categories for analysis by the author: the systems approach, a more formal business-like approach to stated objectives; and the experimental approach, less formal, characterized by less specifically stated objectives.

RESNIK, Lauren B. "Open Education: Some Tasks for Technology." Educational Technology, January 1972, pp. 70-76.

The author suggests that technology is compatible with open education goals.


An educational journalist who has visited hundreds of classrooms and who strongly advocates the open classroom approach, fears that the average teacher misunderstands thus unwittingly betrays the basic fundamentals of the open philosophy.
RICHMAN, Vivien C. "Everything you ever wanted to know about open education... and never knew who to ask." *Grade Teacher*, April 1972, pp. 67-8+.

An assistant professor of education at Chatham (Pennsylvania) College authors a second article under "Whom to ask." Dr. Richman directs some specific advice to the lone innovator teaching an open classroom in an otherwise traditionally oriented school.


A professor of elementary education, University of Connecticut and open education expert, answers specific questions asked most about informal classrooms. Topics among others, include: how to begin informalizing; the anticipated role of teacher; expected standards in the classroom; record-keeping; and potential problems of change. Rogers recommends several books and films at the close of the article, pp. 78.


Rogers here reviews reasons for the current American desire to imitate the British open classroom.

SHIPLEY, Blanche N. "Take the Plunge...I Did!" *Instructor*, August-September 1970, pp. 82.

A teacher returned to the classroom after her own family was grown sensed that the traditional approach to instruction was failing to properly motivate her students. Mrs. Shipley decentralized the room arrangement and gradually allowed the children more active participation in classroom decisions.


The head of a school in Corrales, New Mexico that has no organized classrooms or other restrictions described his belief that children are not ready to learn and will not learn until they want to.


A condensed version of an AASA (American Association of School Administrators) report which describes the compatibility of an open education program and an open space school plant.
WING, R. C. and MACK, P. H. "Wide Open for Learning: Project SOLVE." 
The Education Digest, February 1971, pp. 19-21.)

A consortium-type project created to help solve the problems of six New Hampshire open space schools designed and constructed as most promising architecture to embrace all of the most promising educational practices. SOLVE administers programs and services to enhance the development of individual learning, teacher education, information dissemination and program evaluation.


Description of a program initiated by the author in her classroom whereby the children could study on their own anything they were interested in pertaining to science with goal that their experiences should be shared with classmates. Article pinpoints how to: select a topic; organize for study; and report and share.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

"OPEN PLAN." Places and Things for Experimental Schools, 1972, pp. 32-63. Office of U. S. Education Experimental Schools Program and Education Facilities Laboratory.

Along with other types of structures, the open plan building is discussed from the vantage of its accessibility to change. Also included are drawings and photos of the latest open space school buildings, furniture and equipment.
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It takes about two weeks for a SID request to be processed, produced, and returned to the user. The information packet you will receive will contain computer print-outs of abstracts of documents and articles relating to your question.

WHAT DOES SID COST YOU?

SID is funded primarily by the National Institute of Education, a research branch of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. For this reason the price for a Search In Depth is very low, and hopefully subsequent funding will keep this price as low or lower than it is now.

Since there are several search strategies available, depending on the type and volume of information you want, the price varies. The following table gives the cost breakdown, if you want: (1) information from one, two, or all three data bases (Research in Education, Current Index to Journals in Education, and/or AIM and ARM); (2) the most recent 50 abstracts, or the total data base in one, two, or all three categories.

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Prices are subject to change without notice.
The minimum charge is for up to 50 abstracts, even though the computer search may not actually produce that many documents. Over 50 abstracts, there is an additional charge of 85 cents per abstract.

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH SUCH INFORMATION?

Once you have received your information packet and examined the abstracts, you can determine what documents you want to read in their entirety. At this point you can go to one of the Massachusetts Department of Education Regional Centers, or other resource centers which subscribe to the ERIC microfiche collections. The centers listed below will be able to assist you. Symbols indicate which centers can provide hard copy (paper print-outs), microfiche duplicates, and mail materials (see legend). All centers have microfiche viewers and charge a fee for duplicating services.

You can also order documents in the ERIC microfiche collection directly from: ERIC Document Reproduction Service, P.O. Drawer O, Bethesda, Md. 20014—at 85 cents per microfiche document or $3.29 per 100 pages of hard copy (paper print-outs).

For further information, contact:
DR. RICHARD A. GILMAN, Director
Bureau of Educational Information Services
Massachusetts Department of Education
182 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass. 02111
Telephone: (617) 727-5792, -5793, -5794.

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REGIONAL CENTER ERIC COLLECTIONS

LEGEND:

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Massachusetts Department of Education
VIII. New England Resource Center for Occupational Education (NERCOE)

A. Search request form
B. Document duplication request form
C. Promotional brochures
REQUEST FOR INDIVIDUALIZED INFORMATION SEARCH

Please Type or Print

Name of Requestor

Date of Request

Title or Position

Tel.

School or Organization

Check Appropriate Boxes

Address

User Category

Service Area

- Teacher
- Teacher Educator
- Counselor
- State Dept. of Education
- Administration
- Vocational Education Agency
- Agricultural Ed.
- Physical Education Agency
- Business & Office Education
- Vocational Rehab.
- Health Education
- Research & Development
- Distributive Education
- Guidance & Personnel
- Ind. Arts Education
- Other (Specify)
- Home Ec. Education
- Manpower Dev.
- Technical Education
- Trade & Ind. Education
- Other (Specify)

Detailed Statement of Problem

Education Level at which Information is to be Applied (please check)

- Elementary
- Middle
- Secondary
- Area Vocational School
- Post-Secondary Vocational
- Trade or Technical School
- Community College
- College or University
- Special Education
- Adult
- Other (Specify)

Primary Use for Requested Information (please check)

- Curriculum Development and Revision
- Project Research Proposal
- Evaluation and Research Measurement
- Administrative Problem
- New Program Planning
- Counseling
- General/Persomal
- Speech, Report or Article
- Instructional Materials
- In-Service Staff Development
- Facilities Planning
- Other (Specify)

Have You Researched This Topic Before?  [] Yes  [] No

If the above is YES, what sources, authors, or document numbers did you locate?

Authorized Signature
REQUEST FOR DUPLICATION

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INSTRUCTIONS: Please fill in the appropriate columns to obtain the complete documents in the form of microfiche or microcopy, of any of the abstracts you have received. Fill in the ED number wherever it appears at the top of the abstract. If no ED number appears please fill in the VT number and the issue of AIM or ARM, which is also included in your abstract.

Please check your abstract before ordering to see if the document is available. Otherwise it should be obtained directly from the source cited.
how much does this service cost?

The charge for a search is $10. Microfiche you order as a result of your search is free. If you want printed copies of documents, the cost is $3, $6, or $9 for 300, 600 or 900 sheets.

NERCOE, a non-profit organization founded and supported by the New England Regional Commission, supplements the efforts of state and local agencies in the field of occupational education:

For more information about NERCOE'S Clearinghouse, please contact:

CLEARINGHOUSE
NEW ENGLAND RESOURCE CENTER for OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION
55 Chapel Street
Newton, Massachusetts 02160

or call
(617) 969-7100
Extension 373
What is it?
The information service of NERCOE – New England Resource Center for Occupational Education.

What does it do for me?
When you need information on occupational education, Clearinghouse locates it.

Why don’t I just go to my library?
Clearinghouse saves you time. It has computer access to over 100,000 reports and listings of journal articles.
Many of the reports are not available through your library. Examples:
- descriptions of occupational education programs
- instructional materials
- curriculum guides
- research reviews

Okay, how does it work?
Clearinghouse receives the topic on which you need information.
Clearinghouse searches its own library and the ERIC (Education Resource Information Center) collection for reports and journal articles that pertain to your topic.
then what?

Clearinghouse sends you a listing of the journal articles and summaries of the reports so you can decide what will be useful to you.

What's microfiche?

A 4" by 6" sheet of film on which the report is reproduced in miniature. You'll need a fiche reader to enlarge it. If you don't have one, an E.I.C. will supply you with one.

What if I want a report after I read the summary?

Clearinghouse sends you either printed copy or microfiche.
an E.I.C.? What's that?

An Educational Information Consultant who travels throughout your state. He's there to help you define your informational needs.

how do i reach him?

Here's one and telephone number are listed below:

Larry Brown
Name: 207 239 2624
Tel: 617 685 3526

Robert Trombly
NH: 603 271 3276
Tel: 802 226 3101

Dr. Ray
Tel: 204 566 3430
Tel: 401 227 2691

how quickly do i receive information from NERCOE's clearinghouse?

It normally takes two weeks to compile information. But if Clearinghouse has already conducted a search on your topic, you'll receive information three days after your request reaches NERCOE.
For further information on NERCOE programs and services, please contact:

Educational Services Division
NEW ENGLAND RESOURCE CENTER for OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION
E/D/C
55 Chapel Street
Newton, Massachusetts 02150
or call
(617) 969-7100
Extension 287

THE NEW ENGLAND RESOURCE CENTER for OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION
The New England Resource Center for Occupational Education (NERCOE), was founded and is supported by the New England Regional Commission. The Commission is a Federal-State compact composed of the six New England Governors and a Federal Co-Chairman appointed by the President.

As a continuing institution, NERCOE is charged with acting as a catalyst to assist occupational education systems in developing practical and innovative programs which will support the economic development of the region.

Today, over 80% of New England's jobs require less than a college degree. More than 70% require some specific training in high school or beyond. With manufacturing opportunities beginning to decline, 67% of the jobs in the 70's will be social, public and personal service occupations.

NERCOE can help people to help themselves.

NERCOE's role is to work with education and training resources in the States to develop capabilities which will respond to New England's changing economic needs. As a regional center, NERCOE assists in building State capabilities to develop and improve occupational education and training services.

Occupational education is designed to provide every student with an opportunity to acquire a marketable skill during his academic career. Through exposure to a broad range of career opportunities (throughout his school years) and occupational training in the career of his choice, every student will be prepared for entry into the world of work.

**NERCOE IS HERE TO HELP.**

NERCOE supplements the efforts of State and local agencies involved in occupational education, providing them with practical services, information searches, training and technical assistance from a staff of specialists.

These and other resources were assembled for one purpose only — to improve, directly or indirectly, the career training opportunities of every man, woman or child in the New England region.

To do this, NERCOE will provide:

- Assistance in management of occupational education programs through seminars and on-site technical assistance.
- Training in the use of new and alternative teaching, counseling and management techniques.
- Analysis of major regional and national information sources along with printed materials and microfiche on any occupational education subject of interest to you.
- Information on emerging job categories that will require trained manpower.
- Curriculum materials, including individualized self-instructional training programs.
- Funds for innovative regional projects to develop and improve the quality of New England occupational education.
- Other assistance requested by State and local groups to plan, implement and evaluate their occupational education programs.
ORGANIZATION

To meet its goals, NERCOE has been organized into four service oriented divisions that reflect its current programs and plans for the future:

Manpower and Management Services Division
Using on-site technical assistance, as well as formal training programs, the division assists State and local directors in the design and implementation of management information systems, in solving management problems (such as how to perform long-range planning and how to evaluate programs) and in collecting pertinent information in order to expand the existing data bases for effective decision-making.

Staff Training and Development Division
This division seeks to improve occupational education by providing personnel development programs for New England educators. Workshops for teachers, guidance counselors, teacher educators, and State and local education agency staff, designed to improve their overall effectiveness, are examples of this effort. Technical assistance is also being offered to educators, with the objective of aiding them in constructing training activities related to their personnel development needs.

Educational Services Division
This division is responsible for the Clearinghouse which provides information retrieval and dissemination services. Requests for information searches are made through State-based Educational Information Consultants and the State Departments of Education. The division also coordinates NERCOE’s technical assistance activities and offers public affairs assistance and programming designed to enhance the image of occupational education.

Curriculum Research and Development Division
The goal of this division is to make available to the region innovative curriculum materials for all occupational education, including career education (K-14) and individualized self-instructional occupational training programs (grades 10-14), especially for emerging service occupations; by retrieving materials already in existence, engaging in cooperative curriculum development projects, and providing specialized training and technical assistance in instructional systems technology.

Mary Gresham Regional Project Support Program
This program fosters optimum use of regional resources through the limited funding of cooperative, inter-state projects in career education. These projects are designed and administered by New England educators and supported by technical and management assistance from all NERCOE divisions.
NERCOE'S purpose, program, and organization are all designed to help you. Specifically, NERCOE is here to help you answer such questions as:

- What are my needs in occupational education?
- What is presently being done in occupational education?
- Where can I get help on curriculum development projects?
- How can I convince my school district or general public of the need for occupational education?
- How can I better manage my occupational education program?
- How can I fund that innovative project that I would like to undertake?
- Where can I go to share problems and solutions with others involved in occupational education?
- How can I learn about individualized self-instructional training programs?
- What jobs will be available tomorrow that we should begin training for today?
- What information exists in my area of vocational/technical education and how can I get it quickly?

There is a lot to be done in the field of occupational education. The job market is changing more rapidly and dramatically today than ever before.

NERCOE CAN HELP PEOPLE TO HELP THEMSELVES.

SOME NERCOE PROJECTS

Northern New England Occupational Exploration Project
a program in nine pilot school districts is providing rural youth with a variety of occupational experiences to facilitate planned career decisions.

Tri-State Vocational Curriculum Project
sixty-seven teachers in four pilot schools are developing and testing student learning packages designed to individualize instruction in occupational education programs.

Management Training Conference
local directors of vocational education were provided assistance in the planning and evaluation of occupational education programs.

Statewide Planning for Occupational Education
NERCOE assisted the state of Maine in the development of a cohesive plan to determine the present and future needs of the state in occupational education.

Conference on the Emergency Employment Act
NERCOE reacted quickly to this act by sponsoring a conference on the meaning of the act and its implications for occupational education.

Workshops for Counselors on Career Education
teams of guidance counselors from the six states have been provided with more effective methods and materials for career guidance, counseling and placement.
IX. University of Oklahoma

A. GIPSY/ERIC Pre Search Information Form
B. GIPSY/ERIC Post Search Information Form
C. Promotional brochure
GIPSY/ERIC
PRE SEARCH INFORMATION

Name ____________________________ Address ____________________________

School ____________________________ City, State, Zip ____________________________

Department ____________________________ Phone ____________________________

Please write your question here. Use standard English. Be sure to include all significant constraints such as grade level or subject area.

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1. Name and address of person to be billed:

Name ____________________________ Address ____________________________

City, State, Zip ____________________________

2. Purpose of search:

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received ___________ Number of Abstracts ___________

Date searched ___________ Time ___________

Date mailed ___________
POST SEARCH INFORMATION

Name ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Question ___________________________

Number of abstracts retrieved

1. On first inspection, how many of the abstracts seemed relevant?

2. After you studied the documents in full, how many made a real contribution?

3. How satisfactory were the results?

4. The cost of your search, before discount, was $________. Would the value of the information justify this cost? Yes ___ No ___. What dollar value would be reasonable? $________.

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Date of request ___________________________

Date form returned ___________________________

ISEC 8020471
The Information Systems and Evaluation Center (ISEC) of the University of Oklahoma was organized in February, 1970, to provide a range of information services to those persons and organizations interested and concerned with problems of education and training. The services, organization, and staff of ISEC are as follows:

1 LITERATURE SEARCH

One of ISEC's activities is a computerized literature search. Materials are currently available from ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center), an activity of the U.S. Office of Education, which receives abstracts from 20 specialized clearinghouses and publishes them monthly in Research in Education (RIE). The file makes available abstracts on conferences, research projects, demonstration programs, and other significant educational activities. The complete documents are available on microfiche or hard copy.

ISEC is now searching the accumulated RIE abstracts through the General Information Processing System (GIPSY), a computerized system for storage, manipulation and retrieval of non-numeric information. About 45,000 RIE abstracts have been entered into GIPSY and can be searched through a conversational, questioning process. The service is available to schools, colleges, and universities developing special projects or applications for federal funds; to graduate students approaching a thesis or dissertation; and to other professionals with specific interests in education research and development.

The USOE also publishes a list of journal citations from the mainstream of the professional literature in The Current Index to Journals in Education (CIJE). These records are available for search through GIPSY. In addition, an agreement has been reached with the Education Administration Abstracts and the Psychological Abstracts to enter their materials into this system. Before long, there will be four complete sets of abstracts available for literature searches. ISEC intends to continue expanding its data base for literature search services.

A search of abstracts may be obtained by writing to ISEC. The most efficient process is for the user to write his question in standard English as precisely as he can.

2 SYSTEMS ANALYSIS AND OPERATIONS RESEARCH

APPLICATION TO EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROBLEMS

Examples of applications are:

1. School system desegregation—The Cluster Plan, which takes a systems approach to the problem of school integration, was developed by an interdisciplinary team from the Center. The plan views each school building as a part of the total school district. Students attend their home-base school, but may travel to other schools for instruction in specialized subjects. Benefits include a wider range of course offerings, maximum use of facilities and specialized equipment, and a mixing of minority group-majority group pupils based on an improved educational process.

2. Development of proposals—More and more school administrators are seeking financial assistance from the federal government for new and innovative programs in their districts. In order to receive funds, the administrators are required to submit proposals to funding agencies. Many proposals are written through a trial-and-error method. More effective procedures can be developed by using ISEC's consulting staff. Personnel who are experienced in developing proposals for federal funding of projects can provide assistance to school administrators in developing proposals. A file of current guidelines for preparing proposals to federal and state agencies is available through ISEC.

3 EVALUATION SERVICES

The Center can provide a full array of evaluation and testing services. It has developed a set of theoretical models of evaluation processes that can be applied to evaluation problems faced by school, government agencies, and business and industry. The application of a model leads to the development of an evaluation plan tailored to the requirements of the specific organization and program. Particular attention is given to providing data and information essential to the management decisions of a program. The service has been used

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by administrators of medical service and training programs, business and industrial training programs, government training programs, public and private schools and institutions of higher education. Other activities of the Center, such as computer services, test library, and systems analyses, provide support for evaluation programs.

4 TEST LIBRARY

In the modern school standardized tests are used in evaluating the student population, as well as the curricula and the operation of the school. A complete test library has been developed and is available to administrators who want to examine sample tests. ISEC specialists on measurement and evaluation are available as advisors.

5 SCHEDULING SERVICES

1. Merrick Center Program—Through the Merrick Computing Center ISEC can provide a computerized scheduling service. The program provides enrollment and class scheduling for the school or the district. It provides individual class schedules for each class, a roster by section for each teacher and master schedules for counselors and administrators. The program is interactive so that the administrator can make decisions as the schedule develops.

2. Modified Modular Scheduling (MMS)—This program can be used for traditional or modular scheduling. The object of the program is to minimize the conflicts caused when several required courses are scheduled for the same time period.

The program creates a master schedule for the school, a listing of the course sections, room and teacher assignments. It operates in a time-sharing mode so that the school principal can introduce additional constraints while building a schedule. It can be used for interschool scheduling as well as intraschool scheduling.

6 DATA PROCESSING SERVICES

1. The statistics laboratory—The College of Education maintains a statistics laboratory equipped with basic and sophisticated desk calculators. ISEC maintains a file on skilled operators who can be employed to process data in this mode.

2. Computer processing—Two routes to computer processing of data are available through ISEC. First, libraries of prewritten programs are maintained. Second, if the particular problem requires a unique analysis, persons skilled in writing computer programs are available through ISEC. A computer program can be developed to provide the desired analysis. The user can secure total processing service—from keypunch (or other input modes), through programming, to output. Through ISEC, assistance in interpreting the results are also available.

3. Test scoring service—The scoring of tests by computer is another service available through ISEC. For most cases a standard form is available. In some unique cases a special form will be designed to meet a particular need. The tests may be scored for right answers only or for answers corrected for guessing. Several styles of correction for guessing are available. Specialists in tests and measurements are available to advise on the most useful procedures.

Test scoring service can be extended to include statistical analysis which permits the assignment of grades. Two programs are available: item analysis and raw score analysis.

The item analysis presents the percentage of students answering each question, the percentage of students not answering the question, the item difficulty, the reliability of the test expressed as a point biserial correlation, a standard error measure, an item variance, the mean and the standard deviation.

The raw score analysis provides the mean, standard deviation, a listing by student identification number, the percentage of questions answered correctly by each student, the percentile rank in the class, a z-score, a T-score and a frequency distribution.

7 COMPUTER SYSTEM APPLICATIONS

1. Computer Assisted Instruction—In an effort to provide assistance in some of the latest instructional techniques, there is available through ISEC a file which contains Computer Assisted Instruction programs (CAI). Along with this file of CAI material, users may obtain assistance on a consultative basis in developing CAI packages for individual schools.

2. Simulations—Advanced training for managers often employs simulations. Through the use of GIPSY, interactive computer programs can be devised for simulations. Because of the flexibility of the system, problems unique to a specific situation can be developed quickly.

8 CENTER STAFF AND CONSULTANTS

Dr. Robert Ohm
Director of ISEC
Dean, College of Education and Professor of Higher Education

Dr. Conrad Katzenmeyer
Associate Director of ISEC
Visiting Associate Professor

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Professor of Educational Psychology and
Assistant Dean of Special Projects

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Associate Professor of Industrial Engineering

Dr. Albert Smouse
Associate Professor of Educational Psychology

Dr. Thomas Wiggins
Associate Professor of Educational Administration

Mr. Jerry Prather
Special Instructor with administrative responsibilities for computing activities

Mr. Ronald Reeves
Information Specialist
X. Rhode Island State Department of Education

A. Brief paper on levels of service provided
B. Search request form
C. Promotional brochure
Rationale:

Because the Education Information Center is in a pilot demonstration phase (until June 30, 1973) and because its information searching resources are limited, it is necessary to determine levels of information service response and quantity of responses within each level. This paper outlines the three levels of service to be offered by the Education Information Center.

It is possible that the retrieval staff of the Center will expand early in 1973. It is certain that the ability of the present retrieval staff to respond to information requests will improve significantly after the "shakedown phase." For these reasons the levels of service and their quantity will be reviewed and revised on a need basis during the demonstration phase of the project.

Levels of Service *

Level I (15 - 20 per week)

A. Full services of extension agent (Janice Baker)
   1. awareness activities
   2. technical assistance in problem articulation, question negotiation, transformation, etc.
   3. linking function

B. Full in-depth search
   1. computer search of ERIC
   2. manual update of ERIC
   3. PREP
   4. AERA papers
   5. Topical file
   6. Education Index
   7. Newsletters
   8. Dissertation Abstracts
   9. ALERT catalogue
C. Hard copy reproduction of journal articles and other pertinent documents

D. Microfiche reproduction of RIE

E. Microfiche reader loan

F. Consultant services

Level II (40 - 50 per week)

A. Part-time services of extension agents (Bureau of Program Development and Diffusion)
   1. awareness activities
   2. technical assistance in problem articulation, question negotiation, transformation, etc.
   3. linking function

B. Modified in-depth search
   1. computer search of ERIC
   2. PREP

C. Hard copy reproduction of journal articles (up to twenty pages)

D. Microfiche reproduction of RIE (up to ten fiche)

Level III (2 - 3 per week)

A. Computer search of ERIC

B. Microfiche reproduction of RIE (up to ten fiche)

* Given the demand during any given week, the quantity of searches within each level will vary.

The variables which determine response levels are: (1) the client (2) the information need, and (3) the impact level. An additional "dependent" variable in turn-around-time which may vary according to the three independent variables listed above. Thus:

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Level of Service - see accompanying statement describing levels of service.

Turn-around-time - time between client request and delivery of initial information package.

Client - see list of clients below

Information Need - the reason for requesting the information, i.e., program implementation, planning, awareness.

Impact Level - the possible ramifications of the information in effecting change (e.g., impact on state, local school district, school, or classroom).

Because it is difficult to categorize every request according to information need and impact level, the quality of service will not be assigned according to these variables. Level of service is more a function of the client than of the impact level or information need just as turn-around-time related mainly to the type of the request (full in-depth search, ready reference, PREP package, etc.). During the pilot phase, the EIC will attempt to respond to all valid requests for information using turn-around-time as a "safety-valve."

Response Levels

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Rhode Island Department of Education
Division of Academic Services
EDUCATION INFORMATION CENTER
144 Mann Building
600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue
Providence, RI 02908

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE.

NAME ____________________________ (10-29)

POSITION/TITLE ____________________________ (30)

SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION ____________________________ (31)

ADDRESS ____________________________________________ (31-32)

PHONE ____________________________ EXT. ____________

PURPOSE: ____________________________

GENERAL SUBJECT OF AREA OF REQUEST: ____________________________ (37-72)

PRECISE STATEMENT OF PROBLEM: ____________________________

SPECIFIC LIMITATIONS: ____________________________

TIME SPAN: ____________________________ to ____________________________

DATE NEEDED ____________________________ (Please allow 2-3 weeks)

PREVIOUS SOURCES INVESTIGATED: ____________________________

TYPE OF INFORMATION PREFERRED:

- Research & Evaluation ____________________________ (73)
- Curriculum ____________________________ (74)
- Programs ____________________________ (75)
- Human Resources ____________________________ (76)
- Methods ____________________________ (77)
- Other (Specify) ____________________________ (78)

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Information for Decision Making

Educators, from classroom teachers to superintendents, are engaged in decision making. The decisions concern day-to-day instructional practices as well as long range system-wide planning. In every case, the decisions made result from educational information: information on research, on instructional materials, on new programs and practices—in short, on an almost limitless range of educational information and program alternatives.

What is the EIC?

The Education Information Center (EIC) is a service component of the Division of Academic Services in the Rhode Island Department of Education. It is part of the Rhode Island Teacher Center Project and is jointly funded by the Office of Education and the National Institute of Education.

The EIC operates a comprehensive state education information system which links national, regional and local sources of new and validated approaches to local education agencies.

Using the Resource

The services of the EIC are available free of charge to all educators in the state. Information requests should be submitted to a service area consultant in the Bureau of Program Development in the Department of Education. A full time information consultant will be operating in the communities of Portsmouth, Providence, and Westerly as part of a pilot demonstration program.

What Information is Available?

The range of information available is extensive. Some typical requests are:

1. Procedures for setting up learning centers in an elementary classroom.
2. Methods of evaluating the objectives of special education programs.
3. Establishing an accountability system in a school district.
4. Guidance and counseling in career education programs.

Information Need

Clearly, the quality of our decisions is directly linked to the quality and quantity of information utilized. Yet the amount of information available is growing beyond our ability to maintain an up-to-date information base. At a time when accountability demands a wise use of limited resources, a knowledge of the range of program alternatives is critical.

As the number of educational program alternatives grows, there is a need for assistance in keeping abreast of the most current information on new teaching techniques and new curricula as well as the research which supports these new developments.

Information Resource

One means of keeping abreast of the educational information explosion is the Education Information Center (EIC). Its resources and information services are available to educators in Rhode Island as a means of facilitating planned educational improvements.

Services of the EIC

Some of the major services of the EIC are:

1. Literature searches
2. Reproduction of education documents
3. Technical assistance in research utilization
4. Training in information retrieval

Resources of the EIC

Some of the major information resources of the EIC are:

1. ERIC - Computerized retrieval of information from the ERIC system, a national information system containing over 120,000 documents.
2. PREP (Putting Research into Educational Practice) - a research and report service in non-technical language which focuses on current educational problems and areas of concern.
3. Human Resources - a service provided by the State Department of Education to assist local educators with information resources and program development.

How to Request Information

1. Fill out the attached form and mail it to EIC or call 831-6600 ext. 666.
2. A State Department of Education consultant will discuss with you your information need and process a request for you.
3. A consultant will deliver your information package to you. (Average delivery time is two weeks.) He will review the information with you and order copies of the documents that you want to review.
XI. South Carolina Department of Education

A. South Carolina Pilot Program for Information Dissemination - Fall, 1972
C. Tally of requests by topic - January, 1973
D. Promotional brochures
Fall, 1972

Research Information Unit
Office of Research
State Department of Education
Columbia, South Carolina
Pilot Program Success

South Carolina has been one of three states in the nation to start a growing national trend in education. The success of South Carolina in a pilot program designed to foster the utilization of educational research findings has been lauded by the Office of Education, the South Carolina Department of Education, local school district personnel, and individual classroom teachers: “I have been involved with several projects with various school districts across the State, and the information which you have provided in conjunction with them was indeed helpful...”. “It is indeed a most valuable service in a time of such rapidly expanding knowledge...”. “Through the help of your center, the use of the computer, and your staff’s research, we will be able to utilize the very latest research toward developing a curriculum for our Non-graded Program....”

The program began in July of 1970, when South Carolina, Utah, and Oregon were funded by the Office of Education to pilot statewide programs in information dissemination. South Carolina’s program has been operated by the Research Information Unit of the South Carolina Department of Education. Dr. W. E. Ellis, Director of the Office of Research in the South Carolina Department of Education, was responsible for the winning proposal submitted by South Carolina. Approximately six other states submitted proposals requesting funding for similar programs.

Assistance in Problem Solving

The successful theory behind the program has been the idea that teachers, principals, and district level administrators can be assisted in their daily problem solving by reports of innovative educational practices research findings, and curriculum development studies. Such questions as “What effect do report card grades have on the self-concept of children?” or “How can music be used therapeutically with elementary school students?” and “What are the advantages and disadvantages of team teaching?” have been forwarded to the Research Information Unit and processed by the staff there.
A special study for each request is done by the staff in order to compile those materials geared specifically to the individual needs of each requester. The data base from which information for requests is taken includes national resources (Research in Education and Current Index to Journals of Education), resources available to the state agency, and the state library system. Most of the information is computerized or, at least, easily accessible. The State Library of South Carolina provides access to every library at any State-supported institution, to every county library in South Carolina, and, through inter-library loan, to every state library system throughout the country. The packet which is returned in response to each request is a "thought stimulating" package rather than a clear cut answer to a problem. Various approaches to the problem are presented, including theoretical material; concrete programs which have actually proved successful or unsuccessful in classrooms, schools, or districts; and opposing viewpoints taken by educators regarding the particular problem.

Human Linkage to Data

A linkage mechanism between the requester and the Research Information Unit's research data has proven to be an essential part of the actual utilization of the data in problem solving. Such a linkage has been provided by persons designated as "Communication Specialists" whose responsibility it is to assist the requester at several points in his information seeking and problem-solving process.

First, the Communication Specialist helps the requester to state his problem very specifically and to put it in the form of a request for information. The Specialist then forwards this request to the Research Information Unit who processes the request and returns the assembled material in an information packet.

After receiving the information package from the Research Information Unit, the Communication Specialist delivers the packet in person to the requester. Generally, the contents of the packet are briefly explained at this time. The requester is informed that a large portion of the packet is composed of summaries of entire documents or
journal articles. He learns from the Communication Specialist that to see an entire document or journal article, he must place an order through the Specialist. The Communication Specialist assists the requester to make the most effective use possible of the material provided by the Research Information Unit.

State and District Communication Specialists

There are at present three full-time Communication Specialists serving three school districts in South Carolina: Rock Hill, Charleston and Darlington. At least four other districts have persons serving as part-time Communication Specialists. Spartanburg plans to employ a full-time Communication Specialist for this school year.

There are two State-funded Area Communication Specialists to serve the North and South regions of the State. The Area Communication Specialists will encourage all districts to hire their own full-time Communication Specialists.

Sixty-five districts have named persons as district representatives to channel requests back and forth between requesters and the Research Information Unit. These individuals provide assistance to the requesters when their work assignments permit this kind of involvement.

Whom to Contact

How do you as a teacher, principal, or district administrator go about submitting a request to the Research Information Unit? Contact the full-time or part-time Communication Specialist in your district or your district representative. In the case that you do not know who this individual is in your district, inquire at either your superintendent's office or contact the Research Information Unit directly in Columbia at 758-3548.
Role of the Area Communication Specialist
To facilitate the utilization of information, two Area Communication Specialists are employed to work in the North and South areas of the State. The role of the Area Communication Specialist is to facilitate the two-way flow of information between the Department and the local district, and to assist in the utilization of educational research information at the local level.

RIU ← ACS ← LEA

General duties of the area Communication Specialist within the local districts:

To create an awareness of alternative solutions to problem solving and innovations

To acquaint local district personnel with the available services provided by the Project

To assist local personnel in the utilization of research information

To assist local educators in the planning and/or implementation of programs resulting from the utilization of research information.

Specific duties of the Area Communication Specialist within the local districts:

To work closely with district personnel in program planning, utilization of research information, retrieval and dissemination
To work closely with the district superintendent and/or individuals appointed by the district superintendent in identifying district concerns.

To assist in providing training for the person appointed by the superintendent to work at least half-time as a Communication Specialist in the local district.

To provide assistance in obtaining consultant service from the State agency.

The Area Communication Specialist stands between the Research Information Unit where research and program data is compiled from various sources and the local school district where the information is applied to a problem situation. The manner in which the research information is applied and utilized in the school district depends to a great extent on the problem involved and district personnel. The Area Communication Specialist works within his framework and assumes the role of a facilitator after the district personnel have expressed their concern.

The processes employed by the Area Communication Specialist in local district activities include:

1. Meeting with the district superintendent to discuss the objectives of the program and the services which he can provide through the resources of the Research Information Unit.

2. Soliciting the assistance of the superintendent or individuals designated by the superintendent in assisting them in identifying needs in the district.

3. Assisting in negotiating the question of concern as identified by the local district.
4. Forwarding the request to the RIU for the creation of an information packet in answer to the specific need

5. Returning the packet of information to the superintendent or designated individual and pointing documents of direct relevance to the specified need

6. Providing assistance in establishing alternatives for meeting the needs as identified through the packet of supplied information

7. Meeting with the local communication specialist or person(s) designated by the superintendent to determine the most effective ways to operate the RIU service in the district.

Some educators envision dissemination personnel as either change agents, solution inventors or solution givers. In contrast, the Area Communication Specialist provides no one solution to operating problems or concerns. The Specialist works with the district staff, and also those whom the district superintendent designates to assist the district in meeting its needs. Together they attempt to solve the problem which they have identified and to develop solutions to concerns which they see in their district.

It is important to note that this is not an answer service but an approach to problem solving where the client is definitely involved in the process.

The research material returned to the client by the Area Communication Specialist is screened for relevancy and highlighted. The Area Communication Specialist assists the client by reading and discussing the information with him and also by examining methods to make the data applicable to his particular situation.

After the client has a chance to look at the material, he will identify journal articles and documents that have been summarized in
the resource package as documents which he would like to read. Journal articles and microfiche are delivered to the client by the Specialist for subsequent action. The Area Communication Specialist supplies input when modification or changes are under discussion, but rarely does this input contain a personal opinion or recommendation.

The duty of the Area Communication Specialist is to create an awareness of alternative solutions. The selection of an alternative is the responsibility of the client alone (or the client and his superiors if an organization change is selected). The evaluation of the program becomes the responsibility of the client. The role of the Area Communication Specialist in assisting the client in the implementation process is a helping role through which research information is provided in answer to specified needs.
Role of the Communication Specialist
An individual who spends 50 percent or more of his time working with his district to facilitate the two-way flow of information between the Research Information Unit and the local district, and to assist in the utilization of educational research is known as a Communication Specialist. The Specialist only works with one district on a full-time basis (or greater than one-half time). The Area Communication Specialist is available to provide training and technical assistance to each Communication Specialist.

The role of the Communication Specialist in working with the district personnel tends to vary with each new contact and request for information. In general, the role tends to include assisting educators to define problems and interpret research information, encouraging educators to use research in their decision-making activities and providing resources to facilitate the planning and innovative process in its function. The Specialist is cautious not to provide answers but alternatives for the educators, not to usurp a leadership role from the educator and to maintain a certain degree of neutrality without attempting to promote his own cause.

Each Communication Specialist calls upon national, state, and local resources to help educators in his district identify and find solutions to their own needs.

Specific duties of the Communication Specialist include:

- Helping the local educator to identify educational problems
- Preparing the educator’s requests for information
- Helping the educator to develop approaches and plans in problem solving or innovations
- Assisting the local educators to utilize the data package
- Helping the educator in the planning and/or implementation of the research information.
The Communication Specialist would function very much like the Area Communication Specialist in duties, responsibilities, and role definition. Past experience indicates that structurally the Communication Specialist is more successful and able to serve more people if he is placed in an independent position in the organizational structure responsible only to the superintendent of the school district. His position becomes as vital to the functioning of the school district as the assistant superintendents for curriculum, finance, personnel, etc.

The Communication Specialist becomes accessible to all educational levels in the district hierarchy: teachers, principals, specialists, coordinators, assistant superintendents and superintendents. No one level has to contact a higher authority to approve communication with the Communication Specialist. Contact is immediate and the search for information begins quickly.

Note: The nousing of personnel often determines their identity; therefore, careful thought should be given to the location of the Communication Specialist's office.

The Area Communication Specialist will be available to work closely with all Communication Specialists and thereby diagnose future needs for training sessions. The Area Communication Specialists can furnish to the Communication Specialist technical assistance in process techniques such as reinforcing problem-solving skills, group leadership skills, etc. The Area Communication Specialist will also be available upon request to observe the Communication Specialist in his specific duties and to provide feedback to the Communication Specialist on the performance of these duties. Informal sessions discussing project activities will enhance both the Area Communication Specialist's and the Communication Specialist's awareness of their roles.
Qualifications of A Communication Specialist
(Criteria for Selection)

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1. Low personal ego needs (doesn't feel a compelling need to be a shining success in the world's eyes)

2. A service attitude dedicated to helping rather than supervising

3. Sensitivity

4. Empathy

5. Ability to relate to all types of ideas

6. Supportive and developmental rather than directive

7. Tolerance for marginality

8. Capability to account for his own work; to evaluate his achievements as well as problems encountered.

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4. Skills in interpersonal and group relations -- The ability to relate to all types of individuals is important because the key word in this endeavor is relationships. A Communication Specialist must be able to establish a trust level with the client. He must not be a con man or a super salesman but someone who is sincerely interested in the educator's problems.

5. Resistance to change -- The Communication Specialist must have the ability to handle resistance to change and must be able not only to determine the causes for this resistance but to formulate methods to avoid or reduce resistance to change.

6. Problem-solving skills -- The Communication Specialist should have the ability to utilize the scientific approach to problem solving and to further instruct educators who do not have expertise in this process.

D. Knowledge:

1. Basic needs -- The Communication Specialist should have a knowledge of basic needs, both physiological and psychological, and their effect upon the behavior of individuals; for instance, a militant teacher is oftentimes a conscientious, concerned individual whose militancy can be used in a constructive manner to solve problems.

2. Knowledge of dissemination processes.

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HOW

It is the aim of RIU to serve the individual needs of your school district. Whether your area of interest or concern is implementing a special program for testing and diagnosing learning problems of handicapped or disadvantaged students, setting up a contract grading system in your district, innovative student teaching programs, or evaluating a guidance program in your district - RIU strives to tailor the returned information packet to your specific information need and situation.

WHAT

With what type of assistance does RIU provide you, the requester? In addition to information request services, RIU provides an Area Communication Specialist to aid you in placing your request and to interpret the materials in the request packet. Once the Area Communication Specialist takes the request, he delivers it to RIU and it is put into process along with many others. Normal turn-around time is 3 weeks; this could vary, however, depending on the difficulty of obtaining information and the on-going workload. An average month brings as many as 150 requests into the office.

PACKAGE

The request package is the tangible result of the retrieval staff member drawing information from various sources for your particular request topic. These materials constitute a "packet of potentials" - summaries of journal articles, synopses of already implemented programs, descriptions of successful classroom activities. This term, "packet of potentials" defines it well. It is "potential" because the implementation of the packet is entirely up to the imagination and insight of you, the requester.

TO YOU

The completed request package is returned to you. The Area Communication Specialist reviews your request prior to delivery and is able to point out particularly relevant portions. He will then go through the complete package with you and assist you with any additional materials you may desire, including special ones that need to be ordered. Should you realize that the package does not meet your needs, please ask for additional materials or resubmit the whole request. When you have studied the summaries, reference sheets and program descriptions found in your package, you will probably want to order either microfiche or hardcopy of complete articles, program descriptions, etc. for an in-depth study of your particular area. Order forms for this step are included in your package.

RESULTS

The results are up to you, the requester. After reading a particular article in the package, you may want to learn more about this subject and consequently request additional material on this specific part of the package. or . After reading about a particular program which suits the needs of your science or English classes, you may decide to inquire about all the details necessary for setting up such a program, and then you may be able to actually implement the program in your classes. or . After examining a list of suggested materials, you may choose to order some of these if the price is within your school or district budget. The list of possible results is as endless as the ideas you may conceive from a study of your package. A combination of potentially usable information (package) plus individual interpretation (you) equals any number of dynamic results!
South Carolina has been one of three states in the nation to test the development of a new educational concept. In July 1970, Utah, Oregon and South Carolina were Federally funded for pilot projects designed to foster the utilization of educational research. South Carolina's Pilot Project began in the Research Information Unit, Office of Research, State Department of Education. These pilot projects are intended to encourage the improvement of educational practices by collecting and maintaining information on current programs and practices at both the State and national levels. This information is then made available upon request to teachers, consultants and administrators.

Your Area Communication Specialist will be in your school to help you record your request on RIU request forms.
QUESTION: Exactly what is the service offered to the educators of the State by the Research Information Unit of the South Carolina State Department of Education?

ANSWER: The improvement of educational practices through the provision of current and pertinent technical information and assistance which could aid in the initiation of new programs, the development of new procedures, and the improvement of existing procedures at all levels of educational development is the service provided by RIU.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? In sentences of fewer words, it means that any member of the SEA (State Education Agency), LEA (Local Education Agency) and especially any teacher, principal, counselor or consultant is invited to request research information from our resources.

A few Request topics

- more effective supplementary material & science games for slow learners
- individualized English instruction at the high school level (particularly for below average learners)
- measuring the self-concept of students, grades 1-8
- "DISTURBING" CHILD AND ALIENATED YOUTH AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AGE & CURRICULUM POSSIBILITIES
- TEACHING TECHNIQUES IN OPEN CLASSROOMS
- VALIDITY OF ABILITY GROUPING VS. HETEROGENEOUS
- RESEARCH INFORMATION ON DIFFERENTIATED STAFFING
WHAT TYPES OF REQUESTS ARE PROCESSED BY RIU?

Most of the information retrieved falls into 2 basic categories:

1. HOW TO ________?

2. WHAT IS THE MOST RECENT RESEARCH ON ________?

The first question is self-evident. We answer numerous requests dealing with “how to” establish a new program, “how to” measure ability, etc. The bulk of our requests deals with recent completed research on educational topics; teaching the disadvantaged, extended school year programs, and the like. Usually with requests of these kinds, the requestors are intending to develop new programs or to improve classroom techniques with information provided from their request.

LIMITATIONS: Unlike a public library serving a variety of audiences, our resources are quite limited. We serve the educational public. Because of our commitment to the educational public, the only resources available to us are those which deal with educational topics; consequently, we discourage requests for information with no specific relationship to education. As an example; if a social studies teacher were developing a new unit of study for her or his classes, resources available through RIU would include how to teach Social Studies and information on ways to develop a classroom unit. However, we would not be able to fulfill specific requests on unit content; for instance, BATTLES OF WORLD WAR I, the STOCK MARKET, etc.
XII. Utah State Board of Education

A. Sample monthly report showing ERIC search statistics - January, 1973
STATISTICAL INFORMATION:

- TOTAL Number Requests Received - 62
- TOTAL ERIC Requests Received - 56
- TOTAL ERIC Requests Processed - 28
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