What is EBSCO?

EBSCO is a periodical database of hundreds of magazines, newspapers and images accessible via the Internet.

EBSCO also includes an encyclopaedia and a dictionary. EBSCO is a valuable research tool that allows you to access information about current events, pedagogy and learning. The Nova Scotia Department of Education has paid for the subscription to this service for all public schools and school boards in Nova Scotia. The subscription also includes remote access for students, educators and administrators from their homes.

At School

Computers in your school with access to the Internet will have automatic access to EBSCO. Enter the above URL and you will access a screen that looks like the one shown (bottom left).

At Home

All schools have been provided with a login name and password that allows students, teachers and administrators to use EBSCO from home. Go to http://search.ebscohost.com. Check with your technology contact to get the user ID and password for your school.

Choosing a Database

The Department of Education’s subscription to EBSCO includes access to several customized databases including:

Resources for Students

Canadian Reference Centre contains full text Canadian magazines, newspapers, newswires and reference books, and images.

For Advanced Courses

Advanced Placement Source is designed to meet the extensive needs of high school students enrolled in various AP courses. It offers a world of knowledge for students who seek to achieve academic excellence. Advanced Placement Source contains more than 5,700 full text journals and over 200,000 photos, maps and flags.

For Professional Development

Educational Research Complete is designed for professional educators. This database provides a highly specialized and comprehensive collection of nearly 550 high-quality education journals and reports including Educational Leadership, International Journal of Leadership in Education, and Leadership to support schools and educators in their development of professional learning communities and the pursuit of lifelong learning.

EBSCOhost français

is a French interface offering access to articles from Presse Canadienne and a database called Vente et Gestion.

EBSCOhost Web

Click on “EBSCOhost Web” or “Student Research Centre” to access the databases.

For Additional Help

From http://search.ebscohost.com click on the EBSCO support link in the upper right corner of the screen. From here you can access tutorials on a variety of topics.
Creating a Custom Account with MyEBSCO Host

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Once you sign in, you can save search results, persistent links to searches, search history and alerts, journal alerts and web pages to your personal account. All items are saved in a folder that you can access every time you sign on to your MyEBSCOhost® account. You can access this folder from any computer. Once you have created your account, you can use it to store articles, or to notify colleagues of articles that might be of interest. You could even set up an account for your PLC that members could use to create reading lists of articles from professional journals to form the basis of group discussions.

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From here, click on “I’m a new user” and follow the prompts to create a username and password.