

GUIDELINES 1. 1

Finding Reputable Research

Teachers need to become informed consumers of research. News stories and websites commonly misinterpret scientific findings. The first step in evaluating research is to find appropriate resources. To obtain reputable research:

- Don't use newspaper and magazine articles, because they are not research articles.
- Don't do Internet searches using search engines, because they may not yield credible sources.
- Do find peer-reviewed articles in scholarly journals at a local university library.
- Do find peer-reviewed articles in databases such as ERIC and PsycINFO.
- Do visit websites of professional associations to see if they have links to educational research groups such as the American Educational Research Association (AERA) and the American Psychological Association (APA).