

The AskERIC Service for Educators_[askeric]

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ERIC is...

... the Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC), a federally funded national information system that provides, through its 16 subject-specific clearinghouses, associated adjunct clearinghouses, and support components, a variety of services and products on a broad range of education-related issues.

AskERIC is...

... the Internet-based education information service of the ERIC system, headquartered at the ERIC Clearinghouse on Information & Technology at Syracuse University. Because AskERIC is also a Sun SITE repository, AskERIC is able to expand the quality and quantity of its resources and services to the education community.

AskERIC is comprised of three major components:

AskERIC Q & A Service:

Teachers, library media specialists, administrators, and others involved in education can send a message requesting education information to AskERIC. AskERIC information specialists, drawing on the vast resources and expertise of the ERIC System, will respond within 48 hours with ERIC database searches, ERIC Digests, and Internet resources. The benefit of the human-mediated service is that it allows AskERIC staff to interact with the user, and provide relevant education resources tailored to the user's needs.

To request education information, address an e-mail message (via the Internet) to:

askeric@ericir.syr.edu

AskERIC Virtual Library:

The AskERIC Virtual Library is an Internet site of selected resources for education and general interest. The selection of AskERIC as a Sun SITE gives AskERIC the resources to significantly expand the size and scope of the Virtual Library and to add sound, video, and multimedia resources. Some of the contents include:

- Lesson Plans (700+), including
 - * The Discovery Channel/The Learning Channel Educator's Guides
 - * CNN Newsroom Guides

* Newton's Apple

- Access to the ERIC Database and full-text ERIC Digests
- AskERIC InfoGuides (topical guides to Internet and ERIC resources)
- Goals 2000 Information and Government Resources
- Archives of education-related listservs, including LM-NET, K12ADMIN, and KIDSPHERE
- Remote access to other Internet sites.

To access the AskERIC Virtual Library:

By Gopher: gopher ericir.syr.edu 70

OR

gopher.micro.urrm.edu

-->Other Gopher and Information Servers/

-->North America/

-->USA/

-->General/

-->AskERIC - (Educational Resources Information Center)

By Telnet: telnet ericir.syr.edu
Login as gopher
Hit <enter> to bypass password prompt

By Lynx, Mosaic, or other WWW client: <http://ericir.syr.edu>

By FTP: Log into your local host, and invoke the FTP program
Write ericir.syr.edu as the remote host computer name
For username, enter anonymous
For password, enter your e-mail username (e.g.
tomt@machine.edu)

AskERIC R&D:

The AskERIC Research and Development team was formed so that AskERIC could continue to utilize cutting edge technology to provide high quality service to the education community. Current R&D projects include providing access to full-text ERIC documents on the Internet, improved interface to the ERIC database on the Internet, automating the distributed question-answering service, and multimedia development of the Virtual Library. Partners include Sun Microsystems, Northeast Parallel Architectures Center, The Discovery Channel/The Learning Channel, Personal Librarian, and NASA.

For More Information

We are excited about AskERIC's success to date and are eager to expand AskERIC services and resources to new audiences. Through AskERIC Partnership, state networks and education agencies work cooperatively with the AskERIC to provide the highest level AskERIC information service to large groups of educators. To discuss options, please contact:

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