

# Free encyclopedias, documentaries, magazines and more are just a click away

## Safe, reliable research at your fingertips

The Internet is a wealth of information, but not all of it is reliable or accurate. That's why the Surrey school district has purchased a complete suite of online digital resources and made it available to students, teachers, school families and other district staff anywhere, anytime.

The resources include:

- Encyclopedias (World Book, Encyclopedia of British Columbia and Canadian Points of View);
- Newspaper and magazine story databases;
- Position papers, essays and scripts; and
- Image banks.

Materials are provided in multiple languages and learning levels, and some have the increased functionality of being delivered aloud.

Licensed through the Educational Resource Acquisition Consortium (ERAC), the online materials are safe, appropriate, reliable, current and searchable.



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*The online resources from ERAC complement the district's well-established online library catalogue, which is also available from any district computer at <http://library> or from home at <http://library.sd36.bc.ca/>. Users clicking on "WebPath Express" can search by topic, grade level, resource type and even domain.*

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## For students

The needs of elementary and secondary students vary across the district. For students in kindergarten to Grade 7, resources include World Book Kids, World Book Student as well as the French version L'Encyclopédie Découverte and early learning tools that use word-by-word highlighting, interactive games and reference

materials to help young learners build vocabulary, comprehension, phonics and reading fluency.

Students in grades 8 through 12 can access age-appropriate encyclopedia sets, plus uniquely Canadian publication databases, documentaries, environmentally themed research, access to films produced by the National Film Board of Canada and consumer information.

## For teachers

ERAC's online bundle for teachers features materials that have been developed by teachers, for teachers. There are seven separate toolkits organized into elementary, secondary resources and covering the basics, social studies, sciences, language arts, French and professional learning. Teachers can download lesson plans and find links to supporting materials such as audio, video tutorials, PowerPoint presentations and articles.

An online teacher reference centre also provides indexing and abstracts for more than 270 of the most popular teacher and administrator journals and magazines to assist professional educators. Key topics addressed include assessment, continuing education, current pedagogical research, curriculum development, instructional media, language arts, literacy standards, science and math.

## For families and district employees

School families are encouraged to explore the amazing collection of online resources, too.

## Where to find the district's online resources

Visit

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/StudentServices/HomeworkHelp/Pages/default.aspx> to access the district's online resources with your student or staff password.