SAGE Knowledge: an online collection of recent encyclopedias and reference sets with overview articles on contemporary issues in education. Many are lengthy; some provide a “point/counterpoint” format. To access: http://knowledge.sagepub.com, choose Education. Selected titles include:

- 21st Century Education: A Reference Handbook
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- Encyclopedia of Bilingual Education
- Encyclopedia of Curriculum Studies
- Encyclopedia of Educational Reform and Dissent
- Encyclopedia of Giftedness, Creativity, and Talent
- Encyclopedia of the Social and Cultural Foundations of Education
- Sociology of Education: an A-to-Z Guide
- Standards and Accountability in Schools

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- Business Source Complete
- Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts
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The primary federal entity that collects and analyzes data related to education in the U.S. and other nations. NCES is part of the U.S. Department of Education and the Institute of Education Sciences. Includes the annual publications The Condition of Education and Digest of Education Statistics.

CITING SOURCES

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Research and Documentation Online. 5th ed., 2012. Maintained by Bedford/St. Martin’s.

See the Social Sciences section for examples of how to cite resources in APA style.

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