Searching ERIC Using The Online Thesaurus
(Advanced Searching)

1. Click on the tab which reads "Thesaurus."

2. Type in your term and click "Go to Terms."

3. **OPTIONAL STEP:** Find your term (or the terms that the folks who work at ERIC have chosen to use to describe it). Click on the actual terms to learn more about them. Once you’ve read the scope note (if one is provided) and noted the related/broader/narrower terms, put a check mark in your term’s box and click "Search Marked." Try to search only one term at a time. Go on to step #5.

4. Find your term (or the terms that the folks who work at ERIC have chosen to describe it) and put a check mark in its box. Click "Search Marked." Try to search only one term at a time.

5. Repeat steps 2 - 4 as many times as you would like. Remember: it’s a wise idea to search only one term at a time.

6. Click "Search History."

7. Put a check mark in the boxes next to the searches that you want to combine.

8. Click the box that reads "and" next to "Combine and search using."

9. The database will immediately display the results of your combination. If you want to look at these results, click on the little icon of the magnifying glass and a piece of paper under the word "Display."

You’ve now completed the process of using some of the tools that ERIC offers. You can do many thesaurus searches and then combine them in dozens of different ways. (We recommend it!)

If you need help, please call us at (701) 858-3296.