Researching an Education Topic
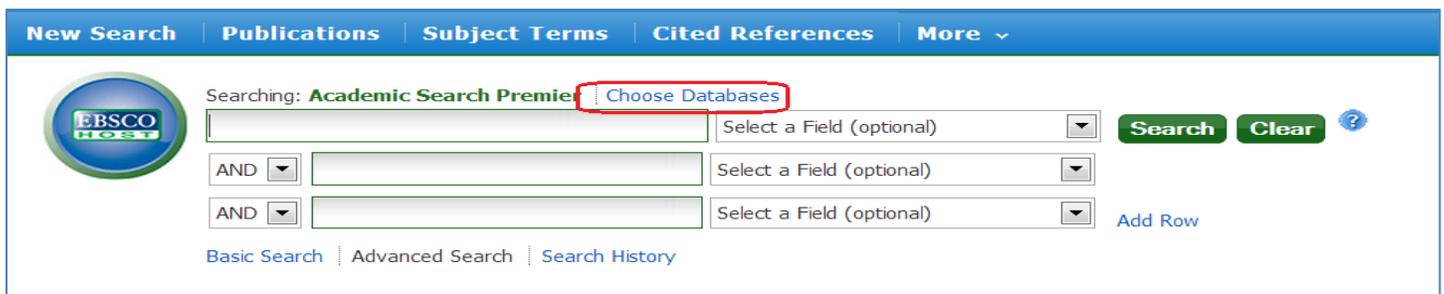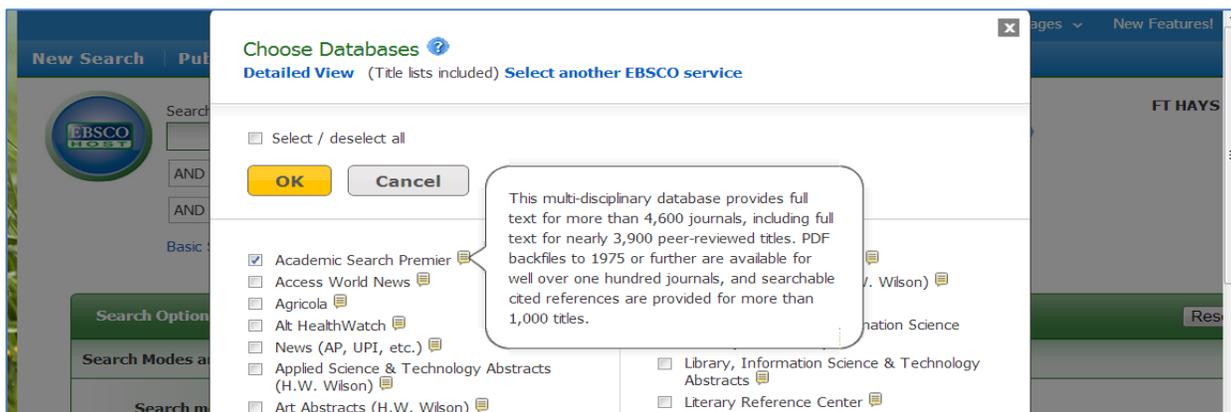
My search process: I went to the Education Research Guide and clicked on the yellow tab **Finding Articles and Databases**, to find links to the best databases for Education.

I chose **Education Full-Text** database, then clicked "Choose Databases" just above the search boxes, and added **Academic Search Premier, Omnifile, ERIC and Professional Development Collection**. I chose Education Full-Text, ERIC and Professional Development collection because they are education-focused databases. I added Academic Search Premier and Omnifile because they cover a wide range of topics, including education, and have a lot of full-text articles. Adding databases increases the number of results significantly.

Mouse over the icon next to the database name to find out what they contain.

For the research question "How does the deployment of military parents affect their children's academic achievement?", I broke the topics down and searched as explained below. I added synonyms (like military deployment or active duty) to broaden my search and pick up all relevant citations:

deployment or *"military deployment"* or *"active duty"*   (include the quotes so it is searched as a phrase)

AND

child*   (adding the * to the word stem will pick up child, children, childhood, etc.)

AND

school or *academic learning* or *academic achievement* or *grades*

Then I limited my search to Full-Text and Scholarly (Peer-Reviewed), so all my results would be from academic journals, and would have a link to the complete article.

Example of article found with this search:

> Phelps, T., Lyons, R., & Dunham, M. (2010). **Military deployment and elementary student achievement**. *Educational Research Quarterly, 33*(4), 37-52. Abstract: This study investigated the impact that military deployment has upon academic achievement of elementary school students. TerraNova test scores of 137 fourth and fifth grade students in two elementary schools with a high proportion of military dependent children were examined for two consecutive years. Although the academic test performance fell significantly for those students whose parent was deployed compared to those students whose parent was not deployed during that same period, their performance remained well within the average range and on grade level. Additionally, the deployment affected females differently than males, and fourth graders differently than fifth graders. The implications of the findings and directions for future research are discussed. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR] (*AN: 55150147*)**Academic Search Premier**

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