

How to use the Subscription Databases

Subscription databases are reference resources purchased by the school. These are not just any old Internet Site. These databases meet the selection criteria for all resources purchased in the library. The publishers are well known and the authenticity of the information has been verified.

To access: Go to MCHS home page
Click on Library Media Center Logo
Find Reference Department
Click on Subscription Databases



The usernames and passwords for home use are not listed on the Internet because this would violate the contracts with each publisher. They are available in the library.

ABC-CLIO Sites: Each component opens separately, but one can be accessed from the other. These are not just for social studies! Each site links to superb reference e-books that are great for answering quick reference questions.

- * American Government
- * American History
- * World Geography
- * World History Ancient & Medieval Eras
- * World History the Modern Era

Facts.com: Current events site that goes back in history to 1940.

- * World News Digest 1980-2005
- * World News 1940-1979
- * Issues & Controversies - Gives pro and con aspects on controversial topics
- * Today's Science - Excellent information on current science topics
- * World Almanac Database
- * World Almanac Encyclopedia

Grolier Online: General reference site that includes Grolier's print titles on-line. Includes newspapers from around the world.

- * Encyclopedia Americana
- * Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia
- * The New Book of Popular Science
- * Lands and People
- * Dictionaries by American Heritage
 - Dictionary of the English Language
 - Student Dictionary
 - Children's Dictionary
 - Spanish to English Dictionary
 - English to Spanish Dictionary
 - Roget's II: The New Thesaurus
 - Children's Thesaurus
- * Atlas

Infotrac-GaleGroup: General reference site

- * Literature Resource Center – Includes Contemporary Authors, Contemporary Literary Criticism Select & Dictionary of Literary Biography
- * Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center - Source for information on social issues including documents from Greenhaven Press, Gale and Macmillan publishers
- * Student Resource Center – A fully integrated general database
- * Science Resource Center - Covers curriculum-related science topics including experiments, biographies, pictures and illustrations

LitFinder: Thomson Gale literature resources

- * Poems
- * Plays
- * Stories
- * Speeches
- * Criticism & Biographies

- * Authors
- * Explanations
- * Glossary of Terms
- * Exploring Poetry

Maps101: Includes historical maps

- * Map Collections
- * Current Events Maps
- * Reference Atlas
- * K-3 Maps
- * Classroom Resources
- * Learn and Play – Games for classroom use

Pro-Quest: Worldwide newspapers, periodicals, journals

- * Education Periodicals – Great for graduate work
- * The Historical New York Times from 1851
- * The Historical Chicago Tribune from 1847

World Book: – General reference site that includes World Book's print titles on line.

- * General Encyclopedia
- * Spanish Encyclopedia
- * Behind the Headlines
- * Features of the Month
- * Today in History
- * Media Showcase
- * Dictionary
- * Atlas
- * Surf the Ages
- * Explore Illinois
- * What's New

* Media Showcase – Includes questions and answers by topics