

Subscription Databases

What is a Database?

The Tacoma School District has purchased the rights to specific subscription databases to be used by staff and students. To use the databases a login and password are required along with a networked computer.

There are many more online subscription databases available through your local public library. To access these databases you will need a valid library card. Pierce County Library: <http://www.piercecountylibrary.org/> and the Tacoma Public library: <http://www.tacomapubliclibrary.org/Default.aspx>.

Why use a Database?

Subscription databases are regularly reviewed and monitored thus are safer and more reliable than a web search. They are generally more organized and easier to navigate than a web search, which will enable individuals to save time, have better results and be able to spend more time on the actual project.

Which Databases does TPS offer? (Use the electronic handout to access links.)

Atomic Learning

Technology training tailored to fit your needs: step-by-step video tutorials.

Associated Press Photo Images

AP is one of the world's largest collections of historical and contemporary imagery.

CultureGrams

CultureGrams provides country reports that offer information on background, customs, and lifestyles of 200+ countries, the United States, and the Canadian Provinces. Each report covers history, geography, economy, languages, traditions, customs, life as a kid, biographies, recipes, photos, videos, slideshows, flags, and more.

ProQuest eLibrary and ProQuest eLibrary Elementary

ProQuest is designed to support every user range, including elementary students, college-prep, professional educators and elementary students with functionality tailored for the young reader. It includes more than 2,000 full-text magazines, newspapers, books, and transcripts, maps, pictures, web links, podcasts and AV files.

Grolier Online Passport (Elementary Only)

Allows access to [America the Beautiful](#), [The New Book of Knowledge](#), [Multimedia Encyclopedia](#) and the [Kids version of Grolier Online](#), and more! Grolier Online represents the best age-appropriate print sets available today through one powerful educational portal for students, teachers, librarians, and patrons.

Gale Opposing Viewpoints (Secondary Only)

Opposing Viewpoints is a great source for information on today's important social issues. It features viewpoint articles, topic overviews, full-text magazine, academic journal, and newspaper articles, primary source, statistics, documents, images and podcasts, and links to Websites. Included are national and state curriculum standards.

What do I need to access?

To use our subscription databases you will need a login and password, initially available from your librarian. Please note: access from home may require a different login and password.