Sample Searches in Education Research

**Scenario:** A school psychologist wants to find research about intervention programs for students with autism.

**Search:** Autism Spectrum Disorders AND School Based Intervention

**Results:** Articles on topics including interventions in mainstream settings, peer-mediated interventions, social skills, and college readiness.

**Scenario:** A teacher is interested in finding information about effective teaching strategies for an online course.

**Search:** Distance Education AND Teaching Methods

**Results:** Articles on topics such as synchronous and asynchronous techniques, blended learning courses, instructional design, and student perceptions.

**Scenario:** School administrators who create and set state-wide standards for curriculum are interested in the impact of bilingualism on literacy development.

**Search:** Literacy AND Bilingualism

**Results:** Articles on topics including vocabulary development, literacy promotion among bilingual families, and promoting dual language learning in children.

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- Student Engagement

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- Curriculum Development
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