West Library Resources in Educational Law

This list is a summary of many resources offered by the West Library to aid you in your library research and should not be considered exhaustive. Please contact the Reference Department for further assistance.

Books

Suggestion: To search for a specific topic, type the topic, such as school finance reform, into the catalog. To search for a specific legal case, try searching either the names in the case, such as San Antonio Rodriguez for the case San Antonio ISD v. Rodriguez, or for the topic the case covers, such as education equality.

The General Collection is on the Third Floor of the library. In addition to these books, you can search the library’s catalog. You may also browse the relevant sections of the library.

- US Education Law: KF4102-4259
- Family law: KF501-553
- Social aspects of education: LC65-245

Sample Titles from the General Collection

- Principals Teaching the Law: 10 Legal Lessons your Teachers Must Know, by David Schimmell KF4133 .S35 2010
- Encyclopedia of Education Law, edited by Charles J. Russo
  Electronic Book
- The School Law Handbook
  Electronic Book

Periodical Databases

LexisNexis Academic
JSTOR
Academic Search Complete

Education Research Complete
ERIC
Legal Collection
Web Resources

- Texas Education Agency, Office of Legal Services Division  
  http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=622
- US Department of Education, Policy Overview  
  http://www2.ed.gov/policy/landing.jhtml
- Landmark Supreme Court Cases about Students  
  http://www.uscourts.gov/EducationalResources/ConstitutionResources/LegalLandmarks/LandmarkSupremeCourtCasesAboutStudents.aspx
- FindLaw  
  http://www.findlaw.com
- Legal Information Institute  
  http://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/
- Government Printing Office, Federal Digital System  
  http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/home.action

APA Citation and Formatting Help

Basic Book

Last, F. M. (Year). Title of book in sentence case: Include the subtitle. City, St: Publisher.

Journal Article

Last, F. M. (Year). Title of the journal article: With the subtitle. Title of Journal, vol (iss.), pp-pp.  
doi:xx.xxxx

Citing Legal Cases in APA

US Supreme Court Decisions

Lower Federal Court Decision
Name v. Name, Volume number Reporter abbreviation Page number (Court Name).

Federal Statutes
Name of Act § Section number, Volume number U.S.C. § Section number (Year).  

Note: Additional APA citation assistance is available at the Reference Desk and on the library's web page:  

Reference Assistance

For help finding legal cases, laws, or information about these topics, please contact the Reference Desk in the West Library. reference@txwes.edu

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