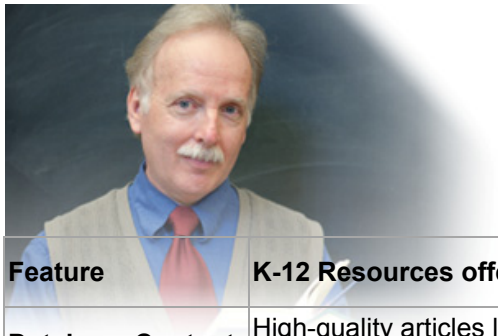

Comparing EBSCO*host* to Free Internet Search

EBSCO*host* databases are the most-used, premium online information resources for tens of thousands of institutions worldwide, representing millions of end-users.

Feature	K-12 Resources offered by EBSCO*host*	Resources offered by Free Internet Search
Database Content	High-quality articles licensed from **reputable publishers**, recognized by library professionals, and selected for use in a school environment.	Depth of content can't be matched due to publisher/artist copyright protection.
Reliable Information	Articles are **evaluated by publishers and experts** for accuracy before they're approved for inclusion in EBSCO*host*.	Anyone can publish inaccurate information whenever they want.
Safe Searching	Password-protected access to EBSCO*host* creates **a safe environment for children, preteens, and teens.**	Security and safety monitoring is time consuming and not 100% effective.
COPPA Compliant	EBSCO*host* **doesn't ask for or require personal information** to access EBSCO*host* databases.	Many sites, which aren't always safe, ask for personal information.
Advertisements	**No ads or popup windows.** Or "phishing" for personal data. Just information to match student and educator needs.	Most content is ad-sponsored. Ads are distracting, often misleading, and can be explicit.
Reading Support	Dictionary features help students **build vocabulary** and deepen reading comprehension skills	No related feature available for elementary or middle school students.
Reading Levels	Articles are assigned Lexiles – educators can locate materials suited to individual, or group reading needs.	No similar feature available.
Curriculum Benchmarks	Student interfaces include a unique application providing teachers with quick access to content-related or state-specific curriculum standards.	No similar feature available.
Children's Interface	Full of graphic-rich designs, *Searchasaurus* and *Kids Search* are easily accessible and fun to use, making online research attractive to younger students.	No similar feature available for elementary or middle school students.
Citation & Bibliographic Assistance	Students can **view, save, print,** and **e-mail** citations for chosen article(s) in many different formats, directly from the database.	No similar feature available.
Narrowing Results	EBSCO*host* databases feature **limiters to assist in narrowing your results** making the information you need easier to find.	Free search doesn't allow users to limit searches to full text, articles with images, etc.
Clustered Results	Helps narrow results list by **source type**, **subject**, **journal**, **author**, and more.	No similar feature available.
Article Summaries	Article summaries help students to **quickly assess** information, practicing essential skills for reading comprehension.	Result descriptions may not truly reflect content or relevance.
Saved Research Depository	Students can save search results in a password-protected folder, offering a **secure and organized** holding area.	No similar feature available.
Success Tools	Free access to hundreds of resources, including thematic units, lesson plans, research guides, marketing tools, and more.	No similar feature available.
Training	Free training sessions are offered on a variety of topics. Onsite training and advice regarding curriculum integration are also offered.	No similar feature available.
Instructional Support	Hundreds of help sheets, tutorials, and more are available to aid student research.	No similar feature available.

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