

# Accessing Ministry Databases

## WHAT ARE ONLINE DATABASES?

Saskatchewan's Ministry of Education has developed an online database that allows students and teachers to access hundreds of informational resources such as magazine articles, newspapers, encyclopedias and even journal articles online **free of charge**. Under a provincial licensing agreement, the Ministry is able to provide free access to Saskatchewan schools.

For students conducting online research, the resources in the databases can be a more effective way to ensure that information is from a **reliable source**. Different reading levels are also available!

*“Anywhere, anytime online resources are great for students, teachers and school division personnel. You can find thousands of full text online resources as well as pictures using encyclopaedias, journals, magazines and newspapers.*

*These resources are accessible from within your school or from anywhere with an Internet connection and are convenient to use.*

*To learn how to use the online resources, please visit your school library or your local public library.”*

*- from the [Ministry of Learning site](#)*

## ACCESSING RESOURCES

1. Locate the link to the [Online Magazines, Journals, and Newspapers](#) at the bottom of the Saskatchewan curriculum website (address below).
2. You will get redirected to a search page (see below).
3. Select the database of choice.

**NOTE:** A “quick search” bar is also added to each subject wiki for easy access to three commonly used databases.

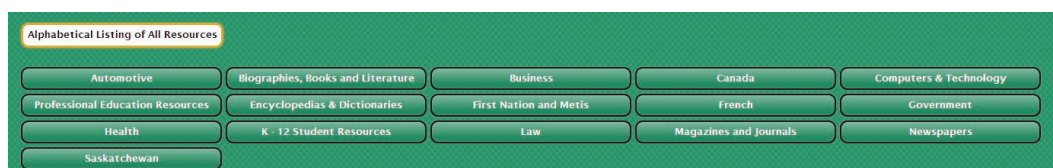
### Quick Links

There are so many databases available that it might be overwhelming to search them all! To help with this, Sun West's Subject wikis have quick links to four frequently used databases:

- **Kid Info Bits** (information for K-5 readers; can select different reading levels)
- **InfoTrac Junior** (Grades 6-9 readers)
- **InfoTrac Student** (Grade 10-12 readers)
- **Discovering Collection** (award-winning content based on national curriculum standards; premium selection of reference, primary sources, creative works, and multimedia, including hours of video and audio clips).



**Simply type key words into the bar and press Search!**



**Online Database Web Page** — <http://curriculum.gov.sk.ca> (link is at the bottom of the page)

