**A How-To Guide: Navigating to Better Quality Resources for Students and Staff**

Are you frustrated by your students’ lack of using quality resources, or are you uncertain how to navigate to the online databases? Here is a step-by-step process to assist you!

1. Navigate to the [Heritage High School Media Center homepage](http://heritagehighmedia.webs.com/).

2. Click on the [Research Tools and Databases](http://heritagehighmediaresearchtoolsanddatabases.webs.com/) tab at the top.

3. Click on [NC Wise Owl](http://www.ncwiseowl.org/).

4. Select [High School](http://www.ncwiseowl.org/Interest/High.htm).

5. The databases you choose will often be dependent on the scope of your project.

Two excellent general databases are:

[Academic One File](http://go.galegroup.com/ps/start.do?p=AONE&u=ncowl&authCount=1)

[EBSCO Host](http://web.a.ebscohost.com/ehost/search/advanced?sid=df412523-0188-43c7-8875-bdf0e7f6d160%40sessionmgr4009&vid=0&hid=4214)

These are great places to begin, but more specialized resources exist. If you require something more tailored to your needs, please let us know. We would be happy to help you find what you need and provide instruction to your classes about any available research resources.

Remember that the databases require passwords to be used from home. Please see the Media Center staff for a password list. They are not posted online.

WHY? Students will often ask why they should use the databases rather than Google, and while it is true that the articles are more scholarly and peer-reviewed/vetted, they also have awesome features that will save students time and/or frustration.

* The Citation Tools feature can be exported to EasyBib, saved to the Google Drive, and of course be printed, emailed, or downloaded.
* Articles can be translated into a number of languages using a drop-down box.
* Related articles are resource are featured at the bottom of the page and on the right under Related Subjects.

\*Your classes may also locate the Heritage High School Library Search from the desktop by clicking on the book icon, then clicking Research Tools and Databases.