

Name of Centrally Purchased Online Subscription Service	Description
21st Century Explorer from Britannica (middle schools only)	Britannica's new <i>21st-Century Explorer</i> provides online reference and learning tools for students who read below grade level, are dealing with specific learning problems, or are at risk of falling behind. This user-friendly collection contains all of the resources that students need including encyclopedias, an atlas, historic timelines, a dictionary, news, and other essential learning tools. <i>21st-Century Explorer</i> is ideal for reluctant readers, ELL and ESL students, and adult literacy students.
CultureGrams (all schools)	Up to date information on 182 countries and cultures. 25 categories are tracked including history, land and climate, religion, personal appearance, gestures, language, government, family, dating and marriage, etc.
EBSCO Auto Repair Reference Center (middle and high schools and all staff)	<i>Auto Repair Reference Center</i> (ARRC) contains repair and maintenance information on most major manufacturers of domestic and imported vehicles. New repair procedures, TSBs and updates are added to the product on a regular basis.
EBSCO History Reference Center (middle and high schools and all staff)	This database includes more than 300 reference books and encyclopedias; 58,000 historical documents; 43,000 biographies; and more than 100,000 images and historical maps.
EBSCO Master File Premier (middle and high schools and all staff)	<i>EBSCO MasterFile Premier</i> provides searchable full text for over 1,700 publications dating as far back as 1975. Also included are nearly 500 full text reference books and an Image Collection of over 400,000 photos, maps and flags.
EBSCO Science Reference Center (middle and high schools and all staff)	Includes science periodicals, reference books, encyclopedias, essays, biographies, animations, images and videos. Supports all science disciplines.
Encyclopaedia Britannica Annals of American History (all schools)	Explore American history through primary sources and multimedia.
Encyclopaedia Britannica Global Reference Center (all schools)	Japanese, Korean, Chinese, French Britannica encyclopaedias and another link to the Spanish Reference Center.
Encyclopaedia Britannica Online Academic Edition (all schools)	Although every student has access to this encyclopaedia it is recommended for high school and higher education.
Encyclopaedia Britannica Online School Edition (all schools)	3 encyclopedias in one: Encyclopaedia Britannica, Compton's by Britannica and Britannica Elementary. A search will return articles from all 3 encyclopedias so students can choose which level meets their needs.
Encyclopaedia Britannica Spanish Reference Center: Enciclopedia Juvenil y Gran Enciclopedia Planeta (all schools)	Enciclopedia Juvenil provides a Spanish elementary encyclopedia, images, videos, and Spanish language learning materials specifically designed for younger learners. Gran Enciclopedia Planeta is the most comprehensive Spanish language encyclopedia available today. It features 145,000 articles plus timelines, an atlas, and a dictionary.

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Encyclopaedia Britannica Student NewsNet (All Schools)	Engages students with timely, relevant news and current events. Designed for students in grades 4-8, related learning activities and lesson plans teach students how to organize facts, make connections, and use information in problem-solving activities. searchable articles with more added each week give students and educators a complete look at recent events. Separate sections devoted to Science and Civics news and lessons include teacher resources and current events features.
Encyclopaedia Britannica Webster's Third New International Dictionary Unabridged (all schools)	Throw out that URL to dictionary.com. This is a real dictionary and without those pesky advertisements and pop-ups. Keep this one open as a window on your desktop whenever you are writing or researching!
Encyclopaedia Britannica World Data Analyst (all schools)	Similar to CultureGrams, World Data Analyst provides "Country Snapshots." However, it goes further -- students can create "current comparisons" of countries based on a large list of data points. It is also possible to make "chronological comparisons," which compares changes over time up to 90 years.
Image Quest from Britannica (middle schools)	Access two million rights-cleared images from over 50 of the best collections in the world. Dorling Kindersley Images, Getty Images, the National Portrait Gallery of London, the National Geographic Society, Oxford Scientific, and other leading names have joined with Britannica to provide the best and broadest collection of proprietary educational imagery. Teachers can use the images in their lesson plans and classroom activities while students will turn to the site as they work on homework assignments and school or course projects. Free of advertising and from trustworthy sources, <i>Image Quest</i> provides safe and fast access to high quality images on all topics and for all ages.
Issues & Controversies (middle schools)	Explores today's controversial issues in depth and in language student researchers can understand. Includes timelines, primary source documents, statistical tables, editorial cartoons, newspaper editorials and interviews with experts which provide context and perspective. Issues are ripped from the headlines and links to key news coverage and other background information, giving context to the discussion. Issues are succinctly defined and pros and cons are given for each.
NoodleTools (all schools)	This is an online bibliography (works cited) composer and note taking tool. The student inputs the information necessary and prints out the bibliography. Students can also take notes online using this product. Instruction in the necessary input is still needed but it takes away the format and punctuation headaches! This product is also very useful to MCPS staff who are taking higher education classes.
Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center (high schools)	Covers today's social issues by bringing together a variety of resources including pro-con viewpoint articles, topic overviews, primary source documents, biographies of social activists and reformers, court-case overviews, profiles of federal agencies and special interest groups. The information is found in full-text magazines, academic journals, newspapers, statistical tables, charts and graphs, images and podcasts of weekly presidential addresses and many NPR programs.

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PebbleGo Animals (elementary schools)	An animal database designed specifically for K-2 emergent readers and researchers. It features more than 200 animal articles correlated to life science standards, animal audio and video, carefully leveled text, educational games, and innovative read-aloud capabilities. PebbleGo features easy-to-use searching tools, and introduces early learners to database and research concepts.
PebbleGo Earth and Space(elementary schools)	Supports the core concepts of earth science, space, seasons, and weather.
ProQuest Historical Newspapers (NYT) (high schools)	Primary source historical newspapers from the New York Times from 1851 through 2005.
ProQuest Professional Education (high schools and all staff)	Full-text professional publications for K-12 educators and high school students. All subject areas are addressed. Great for teachers working on graduate degrees. Great for students with advanced research needs.
ProQuest Research Library Prep (formerly ProQuest Platinum) (high schools)	ProQuest Platinum offers a comprehensive full-text publication collection that meets a wide range of research demands from general reference to advanced subject matter.
SIRS Decades (all schools)	covers the 20th century decade by decade.
SIRS Discoverer (all schools)	The database includes carefully selected full-text articles and images from more than 1,600 domestic and international newspapers, magazines, government documents, and websites. This resource is especially useful elementary school researchers and students in middle and high schools who need information at lower reading levels.
SIRS Knowledge Source (all schools)	SIRS Knowledge Source includes SIRS Researcher, a periodical database. Resident in SIRS Researcher is a link to SIRS Pro/Con which has been very important to issues research for middle and high schools. Also included in SIRS Knowledge Source is SIRS Renaissance, current perspectives on the arts and humanities, SIRS Web Select, a student search engine with editorially selected websites and SIRS Interactive Citizenship, interactive books on U.S. citizenship. Links to SIRS Decades and SIRS Discoverer can also be found on the SKS homepage .
Student Resource Center, Jr. (middle schools) and Student Resource Center In Context (high schools)	Databases of curriculum targeted primary documents, biographies), topical essays, critical analysis, full-text coverage of newspapers and periodicals. These databases are an excellent resource for information across the curriculum. Uses their own reading scale – basic, intermediate and advanced.
Teachingbooks.net (all schools)	Teaching books is a unique service that provides up close and personal interviews (multimedia abounds!) with some of the most loved and respected children and young adult authors. Also included are an array of lesson plans and other resources for use by language arts teachers and for students. Great for author studies at all grade levels.
TumbleBook Library (all schools)	TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of TumbleBooks – animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks are created by adding animation, sound, music and narration to existing picture books in order to produce an electronic picture book which you can read, or have read to you. Publishers include Simon & Schuster, Chronicle Books, Candlewick Press, Charlesbridge Press, Harcourt, Little Brown, Walker & Company, Lerner Books, and HarperCollins.

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U.S. History In Context (middle and high schools)	A collection of primary and secondary resources to support the study of United States history from middle school through college. Provides a complete overview of U.S. history covering the most-studied events, issues and current information. Selected by expert history advisors for its relevance in the undergraduate curriculum, the content combines Original materials from Primary Source Microfilm's digital archives-including documents, monographs, pamphlets, first-person accounts; encyclopedic articles built from the foundation of respected MacMillan Reference USA and Charles Scribner's Sons information, as well as other Gale original, proprietary content such as country and era overviews, full-text periodicals and scholarly history journals; an historical bibliography; links to digitized special collections; audio and video clips of historic speeches and events.