

ISearch for Teachers

3 Contact Hours



Optional Training Activities

- Optional training activities are estimated to add 90 minutes to the original training time and include the minutes indicated for the original activity.

Learning Objectives

Participants in the ISearch for Teachers class will achieve eleven objectives:

- Find ISearch on the INFOhio website: www.infohio.org.
- Explore the ISearch interface and understand which content collections are available in ISearch.
- Learn what ISearch Mobile is and how to access it.
- Explore the ISearch Mobile interface.
- Develop good search strategies.
- Use the tabs to find the right content for your students.
- Use the limiters to get the results you want.
- Identify best practices for using ISearch in the classroom.
- Understand the importance of using digital text, print, and other media in your curriculum.
- Consider methods for sharing ISearch with parents.
- Reflect on learning by sharing information with others.

In this course, participants will work through several lessons to learn more about ISearch, INFOhio's discovery search interface. Participants will learn how to use ISearch to find resources for students and how to teach students to use ISearch for their research. Upon successful completion of this class, participants will earn a certificate for three contact hours. Below is a description of each lesson and the amount of time it should take for participants to complete each one. (Class description from syllabus/website)

Getting Started

Pre-test

- **Lesson Content**

Take a quiz to find out what you know or need to know about ISearch.
(5 minutes)

Your Assignment

- **Lesson Content**

Review the course objectives and the course overview. (5 minutes)

Optional Training Activity

- Create a "Parking Lot" for questions that arise throughout the training either with chart paper or track in a shared digital document like Google Docs. (5 minutes)

How to Use ISearch

Getting to Know ISearch

- **Lesson Content**

Find ISearch, explore the tabbed results interface, and learn about the kinds of content you'll find under each tab. (20 minutes)

Optional Training Activities

- In the Getting to Know ISearch lesson, conduct a live demonstration using a projector describing how to access ISearch at www.infohio.org. If participants have a device, they can practice along with you. (20 minutes)
- Discussion Questions - Direct participants to discuss the questions using the [Snowball Method](#). (20 minutes)
- Use the ISearch Guided Notes to help participants engage in learning. (time included in activity)

Search Basics

- **Lesson Content**

Develop good search strategies and learn about some advanced search strategies that are easy to use to get good results. (10 minutes)

Optional Training Activities

- Do a live presentation of the information found in the lesson of Search Basics. Ask participants to follow along while you lead. (10 minutes)
- Use ISearch Guided Notes to help participants engage in learning. (time included in activity)

Searching Across Tabs

- **Lesson Content**

Explore results under the different tabs, learn how to get to the full text, and use clues in the interface to help you come up with additional search strategies. (20 minutes)

Optional Training Activity

- Do a live presentation of the information found in Searching Across Tabs. Ask participants to follow along. (20 minutes)
- Discussion Questions - Use a strategy from the [Cult of Pedagogy](#) to discuss the questions. (15 minutes)
- Use ISearch Guided Notes to help participants engage in learning. (time included in activity)

Getting the Results You Want

- **Lesson Content**

Learn how applying limiters under each tab can give you better results. (15 minutes)

Optional Training Activity

- Do a live presentation of the information found in Getting the Results You Want. Ask participants to follow along while you lead. (15 minutes)
- Discussion Questions - Use a strategy from the [Cult of Pedagogy](#) to discuss the questions. (15 minutes)
- Use the ISearch Guided Notes to help participants engage in learning. (time included in activity)

Saving Items

- **Lesson Content**

Practice using the different options for saving and sharing items you find in ISearch. (20 minutes)

Optional Training Activity

- Do a live presentation of the information found in Saving Items. Ask participants to follow along while you lead. (20 minutes)
- Take a few minutes to review any "Parking Lot" questions. (5 minutes)

What Have You Learned So Far?

- **Lesson Content**

Take a short quiz to check what you know. (5 minutes)

Applying What You Have Learned

- **Lesson Content**

Use ISearch to find different types of resources on a topic and save at least one item that you will use to supplement your curriculum. (10 minutes)

ISearch Mobile

Getting to Know ISearch Mobile

- **Lesson Content**

Optional Training Activity

- Show the difference between the desktop version of ISearch and ISearch Mobile. Ask participants to follow along while you lead. (10 minutes)

Learn about ISearch Mobile and how to access it. (5 minutes)

Searching in ISearch Mobile

- **Lesson Content**

Learn how to search for content and limit searches using ISearch Mobile. (5 minutes)

Accessing My Account from ISearch Mobile

- **Lesson Content**

Access your library account through ISearch and create book lists for upcoming units or lessons. (5 minutes)

Teaching with ISearch and Digital Content

Using Digital Content with Students

- **Lesson Content**

Learn about best practices for helping students use digital text and complete an exercise to help students make print and digital text connections. (20 minutes)

Optional Training Activity

- Do a live presentation of the information found in Using Digital Content with Students. Ask participants to follow along while you lead. (20 minutes)
- Discussion Questions - Use a strategy from the [Cult of Pedagogy](#) to discuss the questions. (15 minutes)

Helping Students Use ISearch

- **Lesson Content**

Complete an exercise to help students learn to use ISearch to find resources for research. (20 minutes)

Optional Training Activity

- Do a live presentation of the information found in Helping Students Use ISearch. Ask participants to follow along while you lead. (20 minutes)
- Discussion Questions - Use a strategy from the [Cult of Pedagogy](#) to discuss the questions. (15 minutes)

Sharing ISearch with Parents

- **Lesson Content**

Learn about ways to help parents support their children as they use ISearch and engage with digital text. (10 minutes)

Checking Your Learning

Self-Assessments

- **Lesson Content**

Answer questions to reflect on what you learned. (15 minutes)

Optional Training Activity

- Take a few minutes to review any "Parking Lot" questions. (5 minutes)

Contact Hour Quiz and Certificate

- **Lesson Content**

Take a quiz to earn a certificate for 3 contact hours. (5 minutes)