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Using the ERIC Thesaurus

The Thesaurus provides you with *ERIC* subject headings (descriptors) that will allow you to search for specific concepts indexed in the database. Locate the Thesaurus on the blue bar at the top of the page.

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- Aboriginal Australians (2004) Use [Indigenous Populations](#)
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- [Absence \(Students\) Use Attendance](#)
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For example, in this screen shot, if you were looking for information on Teacher Absence, you would get better results searching for Teacher Attendance. The thesaurus will also allow you to click on any subject heading to retrieve a list of narrower terms, broader terms, and/or related terms, as in the example below.

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Select term, then add to search using: or Add

[Teacher Attendance](#)

Scope Note Teachers' presence for classroom and other assigned duties (Note: Use "Teacher Participation" for attendance at unassigned functions)

Broader Terms

Related Terms

- [Attendance](#)
- [Employee Absenteeism](#)
- [Sabbatical Leaves](#)
- [Substitute Teachers](#)
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- [Teachers+](#)

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