

Researching with GCPS databases

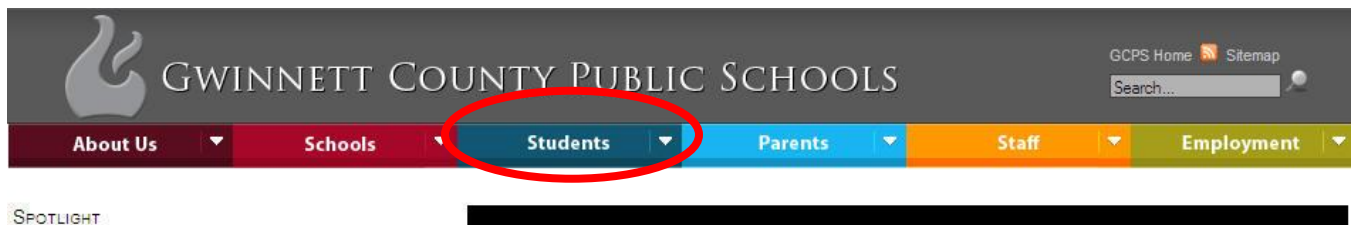
GCPS databases may be used at school by typing in <http://media> or by clicking the Media Services icon. When using a school computer, you do not need to use passwords. Media resources may also be used at home by typing in <http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us>. Passwords are required for access from home. The login for most databases is **gwinnett** and the password is **stu45dent**. The password for GALILEO is different and changes quarterly. The GALILEO password until 1/4/11 is **atomic**. After that date, check with the media specialist for the new password.

From Home:

1. Open the GCPS main page at



2. Click on "Students"



3. Under "Learning Resources", click on *Online Research Library for Students and Teachers*



4. Then choose “Elementary”:

Media Resources

The Department of Media and Information Services supports teaching and learning by making sure media specialists, teachers, and students have access to a variety of instructional and research resources. These resources provide accurate, up-to-date information that support the school system's Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS) curriculum. The databases have been organized by level (elementary, middle, and high) to ensure that students are using age-appropriate resources. Many of the databases require the user to enter a password to obtain access. If you are interested in accessing these databases, please ask your local school media specialist(s) or local school technology coordinator for the passwords.

These sites are not maintained by the school system. Gwinnett County Public Schools encourages parents to monitor students' activity on the Internet.

- ◆ Elementary
- ◆ Middle
- ◆ High

5. Now you will be able to click on any of the resources to do your research. Notice that the resources are listed in alphabetical order. You can also click on the subjects to the left to see just those resources.

GCPS Home

- Elementary
 - ◆ All Elementary
 - ◆ General References
 - ◆ Biography
 - ◆ Language Arts
 - ◆ Social Studies
 - ◆ Science
 - ◆ Library Catalogs
- Middle

Elementary - All References



America the Beautiful

Current and historical information on each of the fifty states.



America's Story

Well-organized primary resources from the Library of Congress. [i]

6. Remember to use the logins and passwords if needed. (The login for most databases is **gwinnett** and the password is **stu45dent**. If the database has “GALILEO” to the side, use the GALILEO password. The password for GALILEO is different and changes quarterly. The GALILEO password until 1/4/11 is **atomic**. After that date, check with the media specialist for the new password.)



Kids Search GALILEO

Articles and images on animals, the arts, music, math, science, social studies, and sports.

7. Remember to take notes when you are researching and give credit to your sources. Don't copy!!