

Handy Web Reference Links

In the age of the internet, **credible** resources are important for students.

Almanacs

Cia Worldbook Factbook

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>

Fact Monster

<http://www.factmonster.com/>

Encyclopedias

Britannica Online

<http://www.britannica.com/>

Columbia Encyclopedia

<http://www.bartleby.com/65/>

Encarta

<http://encarta.msn.com/>

Wikipedia

<http://en.wikipedia.org>

World Book Encyclopedia(non-login area)

<http://www.worldbook.com/wc/browse?id=ed>

Dictionaries, Thesauri, and Quotations

Alpha Dictionary Language Directory

<http://www.alphadictionary.com/langdir.html>

Bartleby

<http://www.bartleby.com/quotations/>

Internet Picture Dictionary

<http://www.pdictionary.com/>

A Math Dictionary for Kids

<http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/>

Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary and Theasuras

<http://www.yourdictionary.com/>

Maps

Color Landform Atlas of the U.S.

<http://fermi.jhuapl.edu/states/states.html>

Google Maps

<http://maps.google.com/>

How Far is it?

<http://www.indo.com/distance/>

Mapquest

<http://www.mapquest.com/>

Perry-Castaneda Library Map Collection

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/index.html>

Statistics

FedStats

<http://www.fedstats.gov/>

U.S. Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov/>

This list of resources (in part) as discussed in the Nov/Dec. issue of Multimedia & Internet@schools magazine article: *Handy Reference Tools* by Linda C. Joseph

These databases can also be accessed at home via THE PUBLIC LIBRARY link at: www.finditva.org. You will need your public library card identification number.

New Links:

RCPS sponsored Reference Links

The State of Virginia also pays for the use of **Gale**, **SIRS**, and **eLibrary** databases. These can be accessed from the RCPS page <http://www.rockingham.k12.va.us/>. Under “Popular RCPS Sites,” click on “RCPS Access to Gale, Sirs, eLibrary Databases.”

SIRS Knowledge Source

SIRS can also be accessed directly at <http://ars.sirs.com/cgi-bin> and does not require a password when used at MMS. From home, students and faculty should go to <http://sks.sirs.com> and <http://discoverer.sirs.com>. The customer # is **VC00124H** and the password is **22802**. You will not need a public library card to access SIRS using this method.

Grolier Online

<http://auth.grolier.com/cgi-bin/authV2?bffs=N>

Grolier’s Encyclopedia Online can also be accessed from the RCPS page <http://www.rockingham.k12.va.us/>.

Click on the “6 - 12 Students” link at the top of the web page, then on the “Search Sites” button. Under “Search Engines,” click on “Grolier Online (for RCPS Students and Staff only).” From home, this can be accessed using the login **rockcty** and the password **leftfield**.