



Call for Research Summaries

The Research Advisory Committee of the Association for Middle Level Education is seeking submissions for *Research Summaries*, a series of refereed publications that address topics of relevance to middle level educators. *Research Summaries* provide abbreviated reviews of professional literature and are not to be viewed as exhaustive syntheses of research. Their purpose is to inform middle level education policy and practice and to provide basic information about the education of young adolescents for parents and community members. Website analytics show that *Research Summaries* are widely viewed on the Internet. While potential authors may submit proposals for summaries at any time, the Research Advisory Committee has established a review cycle with two deadlines each year: December 1 and May 1.

Submission Guidelines

The Research Advisory Committee of the Association for Middle Level Education operationally defines “research” as follows:

Research is an original work that reports the methods and findings from the systematic collection and analysis of empirical data” (NMSA, 2010, p. 4).

With that definition in mind, authors should provide information about the nature of the data reported as well as the findings of the studies summarized. For example, authors might begin a report of results from a survey with a phrase such as, “A survey of 1000 seventh grade students from six middle level schools in North Carolina showed that...”

Manuscripts should:

1. Be approximately 2500 words (not including references);
2. Be double-spaced with 1-inch margins in 12-point Times New Roman font;
3. Follow the 6th edition of the publication manual of the *American Psychological Association*;
4. Address a topic relevant to middle level educators and offer a brief introductory paragraph that explains why this topic is relevant. As appropriate, this introduction should make explicit connections to seminal middle level literature, such as *This We Believe* and *Turning Points*, as well as work published in major venues in the field (e.g., *Research in Middle Level Education Online*, *Middle Grades Research Journal*, and the *Handbook of Research in Middle level Education* series);
5. Provide operational definitions of essential concepts and terminology;
6. Provide a summary of current research addressing the topic and include references;

7. Include 3-5 annotated references of approximately 150 words each. These annotated references may offer additional details about key citations or information about a useful resource.
8. If appropriate, include a list of recommended resources that are practitioner oriented.

To submit a research summary:

1. Anyone interested in authoring a *Research Summary* should contact David Strahan, Chair, AMLE Research Advisory Committee, to discuss a potential topic and expertise in that area (strahan@email.wcu.edu).
2. After talking with Dr. Strahan, authors should submit an electronic manuscript via e-mail in a Microsoft Word file to strahan@email.wcu.edu
3. Attach a cover letter that includes your name(s), affiliation(s), home and work addresses and telephone numbers, and e-mail address(es).

Your name should not appear anywhere in the text. Receipt of submissions will be acknowledged by e-mail. Upon acceptance, copyright forms will be secured.

Manuscript review: The Research Advisory Committee of the Association for Middle Level Education uses a blind peer review process for manuscript review.

Reference

Caskey, M., Andrews, P. G., Bishop, P. A., Capraro, R. M., Roe, M., & Weiss, C. (2010). *Research and resources in support of This We Believe*. Westerville, OH: National Middle School Association.