

# May I Have My Content Removed from ERIC?



ERIC maintains a historical collection, keeping records indefinitely and in perpetuity. ERIC removes records from the collection only in exceptional circumstances.

## When will ERIC remove a record?

If a publisher has removed or retracted an article or non-journal item, ERIC will remove its record and any full text from the collection.

Here are some common removal requests and the response from ERIC's policy:

Common Removal Requests	ERIC Responses
Someone plagiarized my material, and it is in ERIC.	Contact the publisher for adjudication and contact ERIC if the publisher removes material.
Someone without the copyright submitted my material.	Contact the publisher or third party for investigation and contact ERIC if confirmed.
Personally identifiable information (PII) is in the full text.	Contact ERIC.
The work I submitted needs further copy editing.	All work submitted is accepted as being in final form and will be retained as is.
I discovered a data error in my work so results are incorrect.	Contact the publisher for a retraction and contact ERIC if the publisher retracts.
ERIC has the article I submitted, but now I want to publish it elsewhere.	Authors retain copyright and are expected to check with publishers before submitting to ERIC.
My work is old and not reflective of current research.	The collection is historical and retains value for retrospective literature reviews and research.
I see offensive language in older materials.	The collection is historical, and items must be considered within the time published.

## Submitting a Removal Request

If you feel you have an exceptional case for removing your work from ERIC, send an email to [ERICRequests@ed.gov](mailto:ERICRequests@ed.gov) and include this information:

**To:**

- ERIC number
- Title of work
- Date of work
- Specific reason for removal request
- Steps you have taken to contact the publisher or other involved party
- Your name and email address

Your request will be reviewed under ERIC's policies and the circumstances you present.

ERIC's preservation policy is on page 8 of the 2022 ERIC Selection Policy. <https://eric.ed.gov/?selection>

