

PXU Provides Quality, In-Depth Online Resources for Students and Their Families

If you're asking: "With all the wealth of information available for free online, why does PXU purchase Online Library Resources for students?" Here's why. . .

Internet	or	Purchased Online Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No monitoring for authority or accuracy; Anyone can put anything online 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All library-quality, editor-approved information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information overload; much of it is irrelevant; Students waste time sifting through it 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Content selected to meet curricular needs of students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requires filters and careful supervision 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only student-appropriate curriculum information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No source citations provided; Students must create MLA and APA formatted citations 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fully formatted citations provided with information articles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advertising can distract students and slow down the searching process 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No content included in the interface that distracts students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Broken or dead links; Many sites not updated on a regular basis 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Most content updated every 24 hours

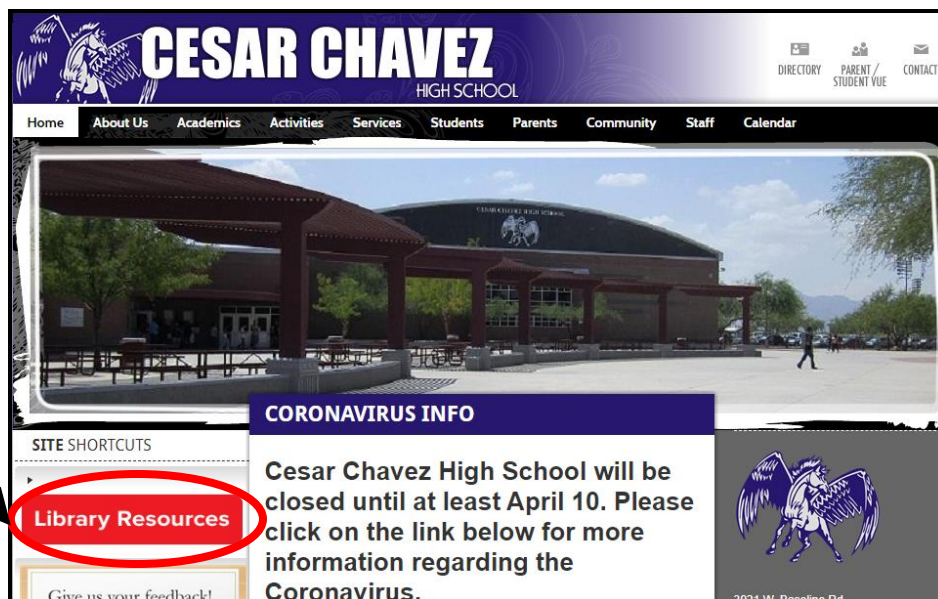
Even more important, students should be focusing on analyzing, understanding, and learning the information – not on searching. In other words—students need quality information first, before they can start learning. And quality information is provided by the Online Library Resources selected by PXU Teacher Librarians, and purchased by our District.

Students won't waste time searching when using these Quality Online Library Resources, provided by PXU, all selected to support classroom learning.

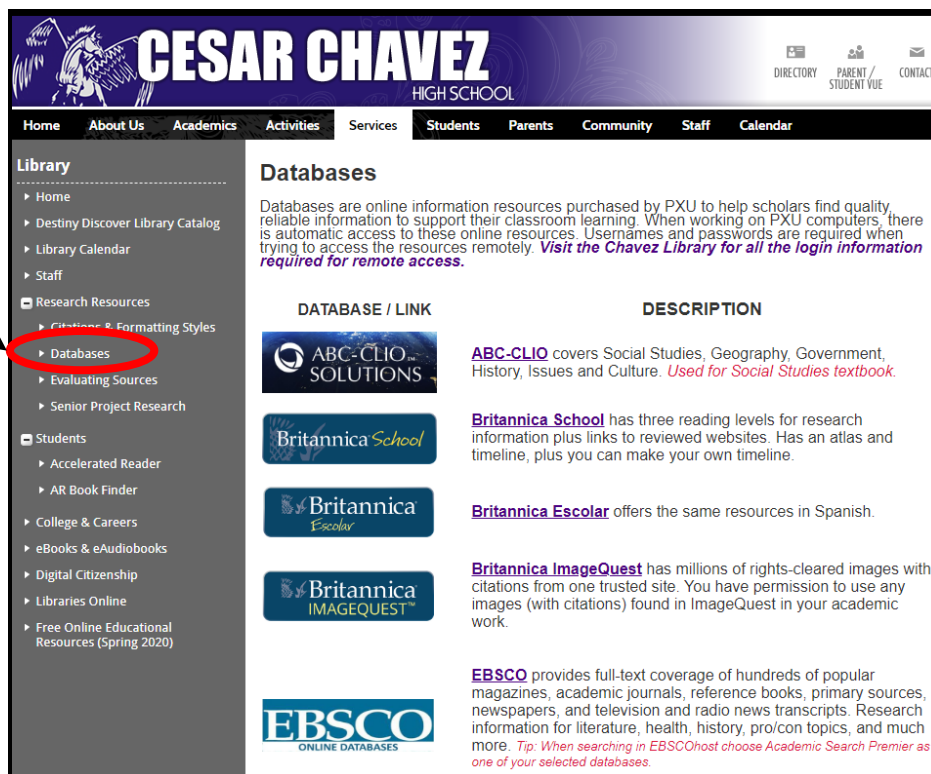
ABC-CLIO	Covers Social Studies, Geography, Government, History, Issues and Culture. Used for Social Studies textbook.
Britannica	Online encyclopedia plus copyright-free images (Britannica ImageQuest), animations, news articles, and much more. Also available in a Spanish edition.
EBSCO	Online articles and images from popular magazines, scholarly journals, current newspapers, and other reference works.
EBSCO Test Prep – LearningExpress Library and PrepStep	EBSCO LearningExpress provides LearningExpress Library and PrepSTEP for academic skill-building, test preparation, and career exploration. LearningExpress Library gives students access to test preparation for ACT, ASVAB, PSAT, SAT, AP, GED, and much more. Also provided are skill-building resources and test prep for the U. S. citizenship exam and Green Card in Spanish. PrepSTEP is a high school focused resource with skill-building practice and review for computer skills, English language arts, math, science, and social studies. Also included in PrepSTEP are career exploration and college prep resources.
Gale Online Resources	In-depth, authoritative, full-text reference books online. Includes Environmental Studies, eBooks, Global Issues, High School, Interactive Science, Literature Resources Center, and Power Search.
Gale Test Prep - TERC – Testing and Education Reference Center	Test preparation for ACT, ASVAB, PSAT, SAT, AP (Advanced Placement), practical exams, career tests plus much more available.
Infobase Videos	Provides collections with award winning digital reference content to schools and libraries. Search by standards for streaming video.
Infobase: Ferguson's Career Guidance Center	Comprehensive career exploration resource, offering information on careers, colleges, scholarships, an interest inventory, and video interviews.
Proquest: Academic Videos Online and SIRS Knowledge	The largest library-oriented video database in the world. Also, trending social issues presented in Pro/Con viewpoints with critical thinking questions, timelines, and more.
Teen Health and Wellness	Online articles on topics such as diseases, addictive substances, nutrition, mental health, suicide, bullying, green living, financial literacy, and more.
Visual Thesaurus	Interactive dictionary and thesaurus to help students understand complex information and enhance their literacy skills.
World Book	Timelines (World Book Timelines), articles, biographies, images, videos, maps, recommended websites, and much more. Also available in a Spanish edition.

From the Chavez Homepage:

1. Open a web browser, go to <https://www.phoenixunion.org/Chavez> and click on the red **Library Resources** tab on the left side.



2. From the Library homepage, click the **Databases** link on the left side.



3. Select the best database for your information needs. Ask Ms. Blackson to instruct your classes on access and use of the databases. Access at school is automatic, remote access requires logins with usernames and passwords. **Visit the Chavez Library to get a list of the usernames and passwords needed to access these resources.**