

## What's INFOhio?

You may have heard your children, especially your older kids, mention INFOhio.

INFOhio is the Ohio's electronic collection of Pre-K-12 databases that are free to your children for home or school use. You can visit the INFOhio by going to your school website and clicking on the library. Next, you will see an icon for INFOhio. For use at home, please contact your school librarian for the username and password, or go to INFOhio's Get My School's Password page at [www.infohio.org/goto/getpassword](http://www.infohio.org/goto/getpassword). At school, the computers are preset for these usernames and passwords. Get started by clicking on the icon with the appropriate grade-level for your child.

You will find many useful database collections of nonfiction reference material, including encyclopedia, dictionaries, almanacs, atlases, magazine and newspaper articles and so forth. When the next science fair rolls around, check out the science resources that suggest experiments and activities.

It is important to know that these are collections of information that once were in print reference books, but now reside within authoritative databases. They are useful when you need to find accurate, unbiased information. They should be used before a Google-search, when helping your children with locating school information.

If you have questions about these databases, contact the district library media specialist at [jwarden@claymontschools.org](mailto:jwarden@claymontschools.org) or 740-922-3471, ext. 8091.