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Website	Question #1 – <b>Examine the Source</b>	Question #2 – <b>Assess the usefulness (Creditable, Reliable, Recent)</b>	Question #3 – <b>Usefulness as future resource use for data and collection analysis</b>
Great Schools <a href="http://www.greatschools.net">http://www.greatschools.net</a>	Excellent site – easy to navigate, a wealth of information. Provides a variety of avenues to explore.	Useful site. Comparisons use factual data (collected from BEDS perhaps?) Current articles. Usefulness depends on what audience it is being used for. A great parent site for advice on academic and social issues, special education information too.	Data could be useful – some is subjective. Need to be careful and use it with addition sources
School Matters <a href="http://www.schoolmatters.org">http://www.schoolmatters.org</a>	Easy to navigate. Good site for parents to find factual information about schools. Simple site.	Not as all-inclusive as GreatSchools. A bit too simplistic and basic. Opinion based. A place for parents to share subjective information about schools. Current 2007 test score information.	Data could be useful – some is subjective. Must use it in conjunction with other data and resources.
Just for the Kids <a href="http://www.just4kids.org/jftk/index.cfm?US&amp;loc=home">http://www.just4kids.org/jftk/index.cfm?US&amp;loc=home</a>	General information about various schools and their stats, less subjective. Easy to navigate. Not just for parents! Easy to read	Creditable information. 2006 information available. Best Practice information is useful. Articles up to and	A good site for basic information, best practices, improvement ideas. Not current enough for data collection analysis

	and navigate through.	including 2007.	and implementation
US News and World Reports <a href="http://www.usnews.com/usnews">http://www.usnews.com/usnews</a>	Easy to navigate – a wealth of information available	Allows for searching colleges and universities. A site for current events as well. Reliable and current	Useful in gathering factual information. Different data available than other sites. Must be used in conjunction with other resources
School Data Direct <a href="http://www.SchoolDataDirect.org">http://www.SchoolDataDirect.org</a>	Online service of the State Education Data Center. Great site – easy to navigate – very professional!	Allows for comparison use! Caters to the researchers needs – creates tables. 2006 information. Able to download data. Creditable and reliable. Not opinion-based. Extremely informative.	Useful in comparing various districts' data. Excellent resource. More useful for those who have background knowledge of the information. Access to the National Page as well!
National Center for Education Statistics <a href="http://www.nces.ed.gov">http://www.nces.ed.gov</a>	Extremely professional, easy to navigate.	Reliable and creditable – located within the US department of Education. Data tools, annual reports, publications, surveys, tables, fast facts. Current data is accessible.	Great site for a wealth of information. A solid site for retrieving information for analysis and comparisons. Customize your searches.