The Elementary STEM Journal
Theory into Practice

Instructions for authors

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About the Journal
The Elementary STEM Journal is an international journal with peer-reviewed options that emphasizes the importance of integrated STEM education at the elementary level.

Preparing Your Paper
Structure
Your paper should be compiled in the following order: title page; structured abstract with keywords; main text introduction, literature review and theory, methods, results, discussion, conclusion, and limitations; acknowledgements; declaration of interest statement; references; appendices; tables with captions; figures. Details about each section are available in the checklist below.

Word Limits and Formatting
A typical paper for this section of the journal should be no more than 5,000 words. Your paper must be double-spaced, have one-inch margins on all sides, and be in 12-point Times New Roman font. Papers not formatted correctly will be rejected without review.

Style Guidelines
Checklist: What to Include

1. Title Page
   a. Title of manuscript
   b. Author details: All authors of a manuscript should include their full name and affiliation on the cover page of the manuscript. One author will need to be identified as the corresponding author, with their email address normally displayed in the article.
   c. Word count (not including references)

2. Structured Abstract
   a. The structured abstract will be included in the print version of The Elementary STEM Journal. The full article will be an online only feature. Thus, the structured abstract should address the following sections:
      i. Background: up to 300 words introducing the purpose and relevance of your study
      ii. Theory and Method: up to 300 words describing the theory and method used in your study
      iii. Results, Conclusions, and Implications: up to 400 words describing the results, conclusions, and implications of your study
      iv. Keywords: 3-5 keywords that describe your study

3. Main Text
   a. The main text should include the following sections: introduction, literature review and theory, methods, results, discussions, conclusions, and limitations.
   b. Any self citations should be blinded for peer review.

4. Acknowledgements
   a. Funding details should be included in the acknowledgements section, if appropriate.

5. References
   a. References should be formatted according to APA 6th edition guidelines
   b. References should be blinded for initial peer review
   c. It’s just as important not to “over-cite.” If one citation is enough, don’t include five for that portion.

6. Appendices
   a. Any supporting materials (such as data sets, video, or other supporting materials) may be included.

7. Tables
   a. Tables should present new information rather than duplicating what is in the text. Readers should be able to interpret the table without reference to the text.
   b. Format the table according to APA 6th edition guidelines.

8. Figures
   a. Figures should be high quality (at least 300 dpi for images). Figures should be supplied as JPEG or TIFF file formats.

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