FINDS is a five-step model to help students conduct research, solve problems, or make decisions using information.

**FOCUS**
- Pinpoint your topic or problem.
- Identify information needed.
- Make a Research Plan.

**INVESTIGATE**
- Evaluate sources available.
- Select best sources for the topic/problem.
- Locate information needed.

**DEVELOP**
- Select presentation format.
- Organize relevant information into presentation.
- Present information ethically (Respect intellectual property rights).

**NOTE**
- Take notes and record data.
- Analyze information gathered.
- Organize notes.

**SELF-EVALUATE**
- Apply rubric or scoring criteria to presentation.
- Evaluate pros and cons of presentation.
- Revise and edit if needed.