A Brief Guide to APA Citation Style, 6th Edition

FORMATTING
- Text is left-aligned, titles are center-aligned
- 12-point font size in Times New Roman typeface preferred
- Margins of 1 inch on top, bottom, left and right
- Double-space between all text lines throughout, including References
- References list (which is called “References,” no quotation marks):
  - Each entry has a hanging indent of 1/2 inch
  - Entries are listed alphabetically by author’s last name (or source title if no author)

IN-TEXT CITATIONS

- **Direct Quotations**: In addition to author(s) and publication year, a specific page citation is required for direct quotations. If quote is less than 40 words, incorporate into text and enclose in quotation marks.
  “Frying foods makes them crunchy and salty, both of which are appealing to small children” (Orlofsky, 2013, p. 23).
  Orlofsky (2013) reported that “crunchy and salty [foods] ... are appealing to small children” (p. 23).

- **Long Quotes**: If quote is longer than 40 words, display on new line in freestanding block of text. Set off quotation by indenting left margin ½”. Use normal right margin. Do not single space. Omit quotation marks.
  Small children will eat anything ... doused in ketchup. (Orlofsky, 2013, p. 23).

- **Ideas and Organization**: Paraphrase with attribution to original author, page number encouraged, no quotation marks. Author’s name and year in signal phrase introducing material or in parentheses following.
  Orlofsky (2013) observed that little children like fried food (p. 23).
  Little children like fried food (Orlofsky, 2013, p. 23).

REFERENCES

Basic structure
Include the parts only as they apply:

**Author(s). (year, month day). Title of article or chapter. Journal Title, volume(number) or Book Title, page number-page number. DOI or Retrieved from [URL]**


A page from a website (APA, 2012, p. 32; Hacker & Sommers, 2016, pp. 210-211)

FOR FURTHER REFERENCE
Books
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