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We would be glad if you would like to publish an article in JfAD. By adhering to the following instructions you will support the publication process. We kindly ask for your attention.

1 Journal for General Didactics

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2 Contact and submission

Inquiries and manuscripts on the thematic focus and the General Section (each as a Word file in an e-mail attachment) should be sent exclusively to the managing editor:

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3 Review and publications process

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The assessment of the submitted contributions is based on the following criteria:

- Timeliness and relevance of the article
- Significance of the abstract
- Originality of the contribution

- Theoretical and/or empirical classification of the article
- Gaining knowledge
- Clarity of structure and argumentation
- Linguistic form/gender-appropriate language

4 Post formats, formatting and scope

4.1 Publication formats and text volumes

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- **Topic / contributions to the main topic** have a maximum of 55,000 characters (including spaces, tables, literature and author information)
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Zierer, K. (2010). *Alles prüfen! Das Beste behalten! Zur Eklektik in Lehrbüchern der Didaktik und des Instructional Design*. Schneider Verlag Hohengehren.
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Lipowsky, F. & Bleck, V. (2019). Was wissen wir über guten Unterricht? Ein Update. In U. Steffens & R. Messner (Hrsg.), *Beiträge zur Schulentwicklung. Unterrichtsqualität: Konzepte und Bilanzen gelingenden Lehrens und Lernens*. (S. 219-249). Waxmann.
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Esslinger-Hinz, I. & Denner, L. (2019). Die berufsfeldbezogene Lernorientierung von Lehramtsstudierenden. *Zeitschrift für Pädagogik*, 65(5), 748–768. <https://doi.org/10.25656/01:24117>
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Harring, M., Rohlf, C. & Gläser-Zikuda, M. (Hrsg.). (2022). *Handbuch Schulpädagogik* (2. Aufl.). Waxmann.

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