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Guidelines for Manuscript Preparation

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In this document you will find important information and guidelines for the preparation of your manuscript. We kindly ask you to follow this manual throughout your writing process so that it may blend well with the concept of the journal.

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Thank you very much in advance. We look forward to receiving your manuscript and to working with you.

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1 Creating the Manuscript in Word

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An article for the *heiEDUCATION Journal* should have a length of 30 000 to 50 000 characters, including spaces and bibliographical references. A contribution in the column *experiment* is designed for a length of 10 000 to 25 000 characters.

3 Structure of the Manuscript

- The title should be in the language of the contribution (no more than 150 characters including spaces)
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- Name (all) author(s) (with brief introduction: academic title, institutional affiliation and up to 3 thematic focuses; please do not abbreviate first names)
- Also add a corresponding address incl. an email address
- Then: Abstracts and key words (see §6 below)
- And finally, the main text

4 Headlines

Please use decimal structure with Arabic digits:

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- 1.1.1

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In your continuous text, mark references to the source in round brackets containing the author's last name, the year of publication, and (if necessary) the page range. The format is based on APA guidelines (see below). When referencing classical authors and works, the year of publication of the first edition is mentioned (e.g., Goethe 1806/1987, p. 48). If several sources by different authors are referred to at the same location, they are separated by a semicolon (e.g. Schmidt 1993a, p. 12-13, 1993b; Schmidt, König, Peters 2000).

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