

# How to Use

# WWC Individual Study Reviews

The What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) reviews existing education research and provides educators with information to make evidence-based decisions. On the WWC's [Reviews of Individual Studies page](#), users can find individual studies that have been reviewed by the WWC and categorized into ESSA evidence tiers.

## Reviews of Individual Studies...



include studies about education practices, products, programs, and policies;



include WWC group design standards, regression discontinuity design standards, and single-case design standards;



are compiled by reviewers who evaluate the studies based on rigorous statistical and methodological standards; and

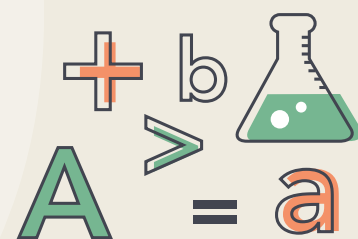


make it easy to find studies that meet ESSA tiers 1 and 2.

## Individual Study Reviews can help users...



learn more about a particular study and its WWC rating;



expand their knowledge in a particular topic area, such as literacy, math, or social and emotional learning;



locate studies to use as evidence in a grant application to the U.S. Department of Education or to satisfy evidence requirements under ESSA; and



look for a specific education program, product, practice, or policy and see whether there is evidence of its effectiveness.

## The WWC Rating System

Certified reviewers give every eligible study they review one of three possible ratings based on the study's design:



**Meets WWC Design Standards Without Reservations.** Studies receiving this rating provide the highest degree of confidence that the intervention caused the observed effect.



**Meets WWC Design Standards With Reservations.** Studies receiving this rating provide a lower degree of confidence that the intervention caused the observed effect.



**Does Not Meet WWC Design Standards.** Studies receiving this rating do not provide sufficient evidence that the intervention caused the effect.

## How to Use the Review of Individual Studies Page

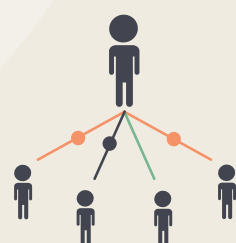
The [Review of Individual Studies](#) page allows you to search for studies to answer your questions and guide your decisions. To find relevant studies, use one or more of the different drop-down lists to narrow the list of studies to meet your needs:



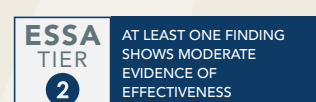
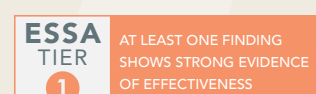
Use the **Ratings** drop-down list to filter studies based on WWC Review Standards (e.g., Meets Standards Without Reservations).



Choose the **Topics** drop-down list to filter studies based on the content area of the study (e.g., Literacy).



Select the **Designs** drop-down list to filter for a particular research design (e.g., Randomized Controlled Trial).



Use the **ESSA Ratings** drop-down list to filter studies to indicate those that meet ESSA Tier 1 or Tier 2.

You can also enter keywords or phrases into the search box below the drop-down lists. Finally, you can narrow the list to only those studies that show **at least one statistically significant positive finding**.