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*Designing Evaluations to Meet
What Works Clearinghouse™ Standards*

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Overview

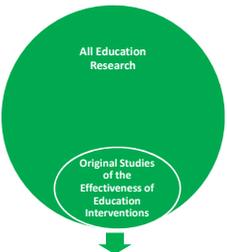
- What is the What Works Clearinghouse™?
- What are WWC Standards?
- How Does the WWC Review a Study?
- Considerations to Keep in Mind
- Connecting with the WWC and TA Resources



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What is the What Works Clearinghouse™?

- Since 2002, the **WWC** has been an initiative of ED's [Institute of Education Sciences](#) (IES)
- The WWC reviews, rates, and summarizes **original** studies of the **effectiveness** of education **interventions** (policies, programs, practices, or products)
- The WWC does **not** rate
 - Qualitative studies
 - Descriptive studies
 - Studies that re-analyze or synthesize others' data
- The quality of **interventions** (as opposed to **studies** of interventions)



Reviews of studies are documented at whatworks.ed.gov; **findings** are reported from **studies that meet WWC standards**



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Identifying Outcomes and Baseline Characteristics Needed for WWC Review

- Are the relevant **outcomes** you expect to measure eligible for review under a WWC protocol, such as the
 - Review of Individual Studies Protocol
 - English Language Learners Evidence Review Protocol
 - Teacher Training, Evaluation, and Compensation Evidence Review Protocol
- Do you expect to collect the **pre-intervention data** required by a WWC protocol to establish baseline equivalence?

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Connect with the WWC and TA Resources

- The WWC Home Page
 - whatworks.ed.gov → <https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/>
- The WWC Help Desk
 - ☎ <http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/ContactUs.aspx>
- Follow the WWC
 - 📘 <http://facebook.com/whatworksclearinghouse>
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- TA Resources for Evaluators Planning Rigorous Impact Studies
 - <https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/projects/evaluationTA.asp>
