

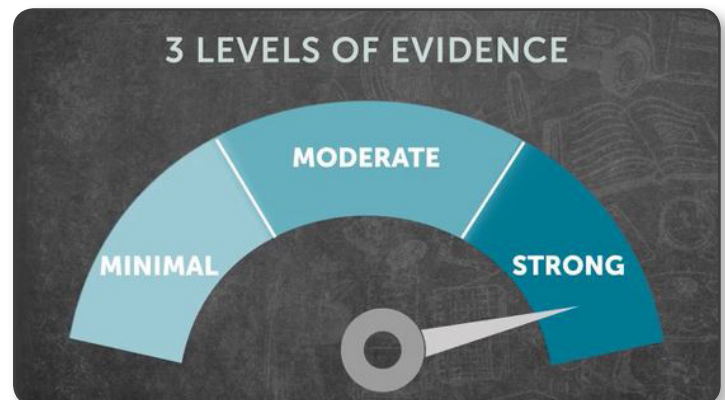


**PRACTICE GUIDES** provide educators with evidence-based practices to tackle current challenges in education. Practice guides combine the best available evidence and expertise on a topic to give educators strategies to use in their classrooms and schools.

**Practice guides** contain several recommendations on a topic, each of which is assigned a **level of evidence** that indicates the strength of the evidence for the effect of the recommended practices on student achievement. All recommendations in a guide are supported by at least some **rigorous research**, and all of the guide's recommendations are **endorsed by the expert panel**. The rationale for each level of evidence rating is described in detail in the practice guide's appendix.

### The level of evidence is based on:

- The number of studies supporting the recommended practices
- Whether the recommended practices were directly tested in the studies or tested in combination with other practices
- Whether the recommended practices consistently led to improved outcomes within and across studies
- Whether the studies capture a diverse range of students and contexts



#### MINIMAL level of evidence

- At least one study that meets WWC design standards and demonstrates that the practices improve student outcomes
- No consistent evidence that demonstrates the practices' positive effects, because it has not been studied or there is weak or conflicting evidence of effectiveness

#### MODERATE level of evidence

- Some evidence that the practices improve student outcomes
- Ambiguous evidence that the improvement in student outcomes is the direct result of the practices or whether the findings can be replicated with a diverse population of students

#### STRONG level of evidence

- Multiple studies meet WWC design standards and demonstrate that the practices improve student outcomes
- Consistent evidence that the practices improve student outcomes for a diverse population of students

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