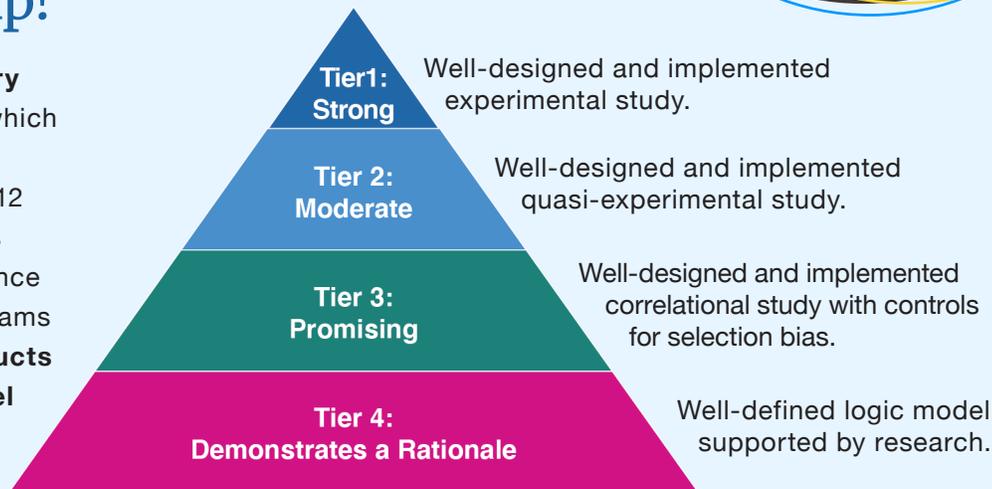


Looking to build ESSA evidence for your program or product? SRI is here to help!

In 2015 Congress passed the **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**, which replaced No Child Left Behind as the main federal law governing K–12 education. ESSA defines four tiers that indicate the strength of evidence associated with educational programs or products. In some cases, **products must demonstrate a certain level of ESSA evidence for education leaders to purchase them with federal funds.**



To learn more about ESSA evidence requirements, read the [non-regulatory guidance](#) from the U.S. Department of Education.

SRI's ESSA Evaluation Services Can Help You Achieve Your Goals

SRI Education is committed to improving the lives of students, families, and educators through the development and implementation of evidence-based innovations and by conducting rigorous and equitable evaluations.

- We integrate our expertise in content, populations, and research methods to produce equity-focused and research-based insights.
- Our researchers are experienced with ESSA evidence standards and the What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) standards that inform ESSA.
- We have nearly two dozen WWC certified reviewers on staff and more than 20 WWC-reviewed studies that have met standards to date.

Explore how SRI can help you achieve your product goals faster while maximizing your investment.

Examples of SRI's Tier 1 Studies

DreamBox Learning's online math program ([WWC review](#), [Evidence for ESSA review](#))

ASSISTments online mathematics homework ([WWC review](#), [Evidence for ESSA review](#))



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Contact us today at ESSA@sri.com to build ESSA evidence with a highly experienced evaluation partner.



REACH ESSA TIERS 1-3 WITH OUR STUDIES OF PRODUCT OUTCOMES AND IMPACT

Our researchers design and conduct rigorous, large-scale evaluations that are eligible for the top tiers of ESSA evidence to investigate the impact of products and programs on students and educators. We execute research design, statistical analysis, large data collections, recruitment, and complex project management. Our studies achieve high response rates and low attrition. We use cost-efficient approaches to leverage existing data where possible, such as district benchmark exams and state achievement tests.

SRI researchers have experience with a wide range of research designs and analytic methods:

Experimental/Randomized Controlled Trials (RCTs)

- Stratified random assignment
- Individual-level assignment
- Cluster-level assignment
- Rapid cycle

Quasi-Experimental (QEDs)

- Regression discontinuity
- Interrupted time series
- Propensity score matching and other matching and weighting techniques

REACH ESSA TIER 4 WITH LOGIC MODEL DEVELOPMENT AND STUDY DESIGN PLANS

Well-defined logic models supported by research help our partners communicate how their programs satisfy ESSA Tier 4 evidence requirements and form the basis for an evaluation design. We work with our partners to develop a rich description of program components and theory of action grounded in the literature. Together, we develop evaluation plans that specify the study design and procedures while balancing factors such as rigor, cost, timeliness, and data collection burden.

STRENGTHEN AND SCALE PRODUCTS AND PROGRAMS THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION STUDIES

A rigorous impact study is unlikely to demonstrate desired outcomes or yield useful information for our partners if the program is not well documented and implemented with fidelity. We conduct studies that use mixed methods such as surveys, interviews, observations, and analysis of process data from online educational technologies, to carefully document program implementation, probe and contextualize impact results, and gather formative feedback to support program improvement and scaling.

USE COST STUDIES TO SUPPORT DISTRICT DECISIONS ABOUT PRODUCT AND PROGRAM ADOPTION

When education leaders make decisions about initiating, sustaining, or scaling up programs, they need information about the resources required to implement a program—such as staff, time, and materials—and their associated costs. We systematically collect and analyze data on comprehensive program costs, and couple cost estimates with estimates of program impact to understand cost-effectiveness and return on investment.

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