

## Open Invitation

### Submit a Study, Intervention, or Topic

The What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) strives to put evidence into the hands of educators, policymakers, researchers, and the public so that they can make choices about educational interventions (programs, products, practices, and policies) based on high-quality scientific research.

WWC Reports provide information on the evidence of the effectiveness of educational interventions and can be used to inform education decision-making, improve educational practices, and enhance student outcomes.

The WWC has announced topics for the WWC Reports. The topics chosen for systematic review reflect a wide range of our nation's most pressing education issues. These topics are:

- **[Character Education—Comprehensive Schoolwide Character Education Interventions: Benefits for Character Traits, Behavioral, and Academic Outcomes](#)**

Interventions included have the development of character traits as a main goal and intentionally provide comprehensive character education, but they do not necessarily have to be explicitly referred to as a character education intervention. Only research on interventions that are schoolwide will be reviewed. All reviewed programs need to be replicable (i.e., can be reproduced). [Character Education abstract](#)

The Character Education topic review is underway. For this review cycle, the WWC accepted study and/or intervention submissions until September 15, 2005. Studies and interventions submitted after this date will be included in the next review cycle.

- **[Dropout Prevention—Interventions for Preventing High School Dropout](#)**

Interventions in middle school, junior high school, or high school designed to increase high school completion, including techniques such as the use of incentives, counseling, or monitoring. [Dropout Prevention abstract](#)

The Dropout Prevention topic review is underway. For this review cycle, the WWC accepted study and/or intervention submissions until March 31, 2006. Studies and interventions submitted after this date will be included in the next review cycle.

- **[Early Childhood Education—Interventions for Improving Preschool Children's School Readiness](#)**

Curricula and practices designed for use in center-based settings with 3- to 5-year-old children who are not yet in kindergarten, with a primary focus on cognitive and language competencies associated with school readiness (language, literacy, math, and cognition). The review includes center-based early childhood education interventions designed to improve the school readiness skills of preschool children with developmental delays or diagnosed disabilities. These may be inclusive interventions used with all children or targeted interventions designed specifically for children with developmental delays or diagnosed disabilities. [Early Childhood Education abstract](#)

The Early Childhood Education topic review is underway. For this review cycle, the WWC accepted study and/or intervention submissions until February 28, 2006. Studies and interventions submitted after this date will be included in the next review cycle.

- **[English Language Learning—Interventions for Elementary School English Language Learners: Increasing English Language Acquisition and Academic Achievement](#)**

Curriculum-based interventions and teaching practices designed to improve the English language literacy or academic achievement of elementary school students who are English Language Learners. [English Language Learning abstract](#)

The English Language Learning topic review is underway. For this review cycle, the WWC accepted study and/or intervention submissions until October 14, 2005. Studies and interventions

submitted after this date will be included in the next review cycle.

- **[Math—Curriculum-Based Interventions for Increasing Elementary School Math Achievement](#)**

Curriculum-based interventions outlining the fundamentals of mathematics that students should know and be able to do, instructional programs and materials that organize the mathematical content, and assessments. Within this broad topic of curricula, the first set of reports focuses on middle school and the second focuses on elementary school. [Elementary School Math abstract](#)

The Elementary School Math topic review is underway. For this review cycle, the WWC accepted study and/or intervention submissions until April 1, 2006. Studies and interventions submitted after this date will be included in the next review cycle.

- **[Math—Curriculum-Based Interventions for Increasing Middle School Math Achievement](#)**

Curriculum-based interventions outlining the fundamentals of mathematics that students should know and be able to do, instructional programs and materials that organize the mathematical content, and assessments. Within this broad topic of math curricula, the first set of reports focuses on middle school and the second focuses on elementary school. [Middle School Math abstract](#)

The Middle School Math topic review is underway. For this review cycle, the WWC accepted study and/or intervention submissions until October 31, 2005. Studies and interventions submitted after this date will be included in the next review cycle.

- **[Reading—Interventions for Beginning Reading](#)**

Reading interventions for students in grades K-3 (or ages 5-8) that are intended to increase skills in **alphabetic**s (phonemic awareness, phonological awareness, print awareness and phonics), **reading fluency, comprehension** (vocabulary and reading comprehension), or **general reading achievement**. [Reading abstract](#)

The Beginning Reading topic review is underway. For this review cycle, the WWC accepted study and/or intervention submissions until October 31, 2005. Studies and interventions submitted after this date will be included in the next review cycle.

A topic is defined by the intended outcome (for example, improving literacy skills), the intended population (for example, elementary school students from low-income backgrounds), and the types of interventions (for example, particular programs, products, practices, or policies) that may produce the intended outcome for that population.

### Nomination Type

We welcome your suggestions for specific interventions related to current WWC Reports, studies or study citations on the effects of educational interventions within these topics, and/or nominations for other interventions, studies, or future topics that you would like to see considered for review by the WWC. You can also nominate a specific intervention, such as a particular curriculum, rather than an entire class of interventions, such as math curricula.

What information would you like to submit to the WWC at this time?

- A specific intervention (program, product, practice, or policy) that could be reviewed for a current or future WWC Report.
  - An actual study or citation of a study on the effects of one or more interventions within a current or future WWC Report topic.
  - A nomination for a future WWC Report topic.
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## Topic Nomination Form

Thank you for choosing to nominate a topic that you would like the What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) to review. We encourage you to print a [paper copy](#) of this form in order to review all of the required information before completing the online version. If you have questions about completing this form, or prefer to submit this information in paper form, please contact us at:

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### Topic Details

Mandatory fields are indicated with an \*

\*What education topic would you like to nominate for consideration by the WWC for a future WWC Report

\*Why are you nominating topic? Please provide as much information as possible about why this topic is important to you. ([Click here](#) for information about WWC priorities for selecting WWC Report topic.)

\* Provide a brief description of this topic

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Please select one of the options below.

- I'd like to submit information about another topic nomination.
- I'd like to submit information about an intervention.
- I'd like to submit information about a study.
- I'd like to end this submission.

## Contact Information (Optional)

If you choose to provide contact information, the mandatory fields are indicated with an \*

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- State Education Agency
- Other Federal Funds Recipient/Applicant (includes contractor, for- or non-profit organization, grantee, etc.)
- Foundation Staff Member (includes personnel of organizations that fund grants and education venture capitalists)
- Librarian (includes academic, federal, public, special, and state librarians and media specialists)
- News/Media
- Parent/Family (includes nuclear and extended family and child caregiver)
- Policymaker (board of education member; federal, state, or local public official; state or local education agency policymaker; legislator, etc.)
- Program Developer/Vendor

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- School Support Staff (includes school guidance counselors, and paraprofessional schools personnel, including technology coordinators)
- Student
- Teacher (includes teachers and professors of all levels and types of education)
- Technical Assistance Provider (includes staff of for- and non-profit education associations, Regional Educational Laboratories, and Professional Development Centers)
- Other (Specify)
- Deselect

## Submission Confirmation

[After the submission is automatically reviewed by the system to ensure that information has been provided in all the necessary fields, the following information will appear on the screen:]

Thank you for your submission to the What Works Clearinghouse. We will contact you via email if we have any questions about your submission and/or we need additional information. Should you have questions regarding the status of your submission, please contact us at:

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