

ELEVATING EVIDENCE



Online Module

In December 2015, the United States Congress reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary Education Act through a law known as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Designed to increase flexibility for state and local school systems, ESSA provides schools with new opportunities for innovation and school improvement.

One requirement under ESSA is that school improvement efforts be rooted in "evidence-based activities, strategies or interventions". While the term "evidence-based" has been used in other areas of the law for many years, ESSA is the first federal law to define and identify levels of evidence for educational purposes. ESSA breaks intervention categories down into four levels: Strong Evidence, Moderate Evidence, Promising Evidence and Demonstrates a Rationale.

This online, self-paced module will equip you with the skills necessary to find, evaluate and use research to inform local decisions. With a combination of videos, readings and interactive activities, you will learn a replicable process for evaluating evidence through ESSA's lens. Upon completion, you will earn three hours of EILA credit!

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