

Intervention Review Protocol

To review an intervention, you will want to collect the following kinds of information: program descriptions, implementation information, and outcome data. Sources for this information might include: vendor websites, internal or 3rd party evaluation reports, What Works Clearinghouse(WWC) or other reviews, research reports (e.g. reports from Mathematica, AIR, RAND, MDRC, etc.), descriptive studies and journal articles (peer-reviewed, research & practitioner).

Now that you have your portfolio of information on the intervention together, below are some questions to answer and discuss as a group. The responses should help in making decisions about which interventions might be most beneficial to your students.

Desired Outcomes: What are the goals of this intervention? How well do those match with your students' needs (address problem areas, meet subgroup needs, etc.)?

Program Features: What are the core features of the intervention? How consistent are they with your team's/school's/district's vision? Do these features seem like they would lead to the desired outcomes?

Implementation Issues: As you reviewed the portfolio, did any implementation challenges become apparent? Could any issues like leadership capacity, staffing, funding and facilities pose a challenge to implementation?

Extent of the evidence: Are there any studies that used a strong design to determine the intervention's impact? Did they find statistically significant effects? On what?

Initial Impression: Recommended Need more info. Not recommended

Summary Checklist of Information Available on Interventions

This checklist is designed to help you develop a **portfolio** with enough information to make an informed decision. If you have a specific kind of information, you will indicate that on the table by a check or by the name of the document. In cases where information is not available, you will note that in the table. Under the outcome information section, you will indicate the type of studies you have. This will help you determine the extent of the evidence on a particular intervention.

Name of Intervention	Program Description (sources: vendor, evaluations)	Implementation information (sources: vendor website, other districts, practitioner journals, evaluations)	Type of Outcome Information Available (sources: evaluations, What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) or other review websites, research journals)				
			Descriptive	Correlation / Regression	Quasi-experimental	Experimental	Meta-analysis