MODULE 2 HANDOUT

Reading the evidence label

Every evidence tier comes with five facts. Read them before you choose an intervention or claim a tier.

Key ideas

- A tier describes a study: the students it studied, the settings it studied, and the outcome it measured.
- A tier belongs to one outcome. A program can be strong for credits and have no tier to claim for graduation.
- Evidence from other grades, including elementary, does not carry into grades 7-12.
- Settings that were not studied (rural, alternative, virtual, small schools) weaken your claim.
- The comparison group defines the effect. Check what the other students received.

Your evidence labels

Fill one column for each candidate from your Module 1 list. Copy each field from the T6 worksheet, Step 2. Circle any cell where your students, grades, or setting fall outside what was studied.

Field	Candidate 1:	Candidate 2:	Candidate 3:
Menu ID			
Who (grades and students studied)			
Where (settings studied and not studied)			
What changed (outcome with a significant effect)			
How strong (tier to claim and the study)			
Compared to what (what the comparison group received)			
Matches our school? (yes, partly, no)			

Worked example: BARR (ATT-01)

Field	Building Assets, Reducing Risks
Who	Grade 9 students only
Where	Rural, suburban, and urban high-poverty high schools; no alternative or virtual schools
What changed	Credits earned, core course failure, and GPA; chronic absence in the scale-up study
How strong	Tier 1 for credits, course failure, and GPA (Bos, Dhillon & Borman, 2019, WWC Study 89782); Tier 3 for chronic absence (Bos et al., 2022)
Compared to what	Ninth graders in the same 11 high schools, assigned at random
Matches a 7-12 school?	Partly. Grade 9 only; use in other grades is an adaptation

Where this fits in the toolkit

- **T6 EBI Selection and Alignment Worksheet, Step 2, Evidence limits** shows the grades studied, settings studied, and the outcome the tier covers for each row you pick.
- **Module 3** takes up the How strong field and the tier you can claim.
- **Module 5** returns to the cells you circled and shows how to adjust your claim.

Source for all examples: SYS IPG EBI Menu FINAL (October 2026). The menu lists evidence, not providers to select.