MODULE 5 HANDOUT

Judging fit for your school

You use this sheet to rate how well each candidate intervention fits your school and to set the tier you will claim.

Key ideas

- Fit has three parts: student match, setting match, and capacity.
- The further your school is from the study, the less of its evidence you can claim. The rubric scores strong, moderate, and promising the same, so a lower accurate claim costs no points.
- In an alternative or virtual school, the qualifying evidence is for components. Name the components as your EBIs and describe your model as the setting.

Claim rules

Your situation	What you claim
Grades, students, and setting match the study	The menu's Tier to claim
Grades outside the studied grades	Promising (Tier 3) at most
Alternative school using comprehensive-school evidence	Moderate (Tier 2) at most
Study tested a different outcome than the one you need	No claim for your outcome; choose a different row

Rating scale

Rating	Student match	Setting match	Capacity
3, close	Same grades and students as the study	Schools like yours were studied	Staff, time, money, and a guide are in place
2, partial	Some grades outside the study	Different school type; claim lower	One gap you can close with IPG funds
1, weak	Different grades and students	Design assumes what you lack	Several gaps, or no current guide

Your fit check

Candidate (menu ID)	Student match (1-3)	Setting match (1-3)	Capacity (1-3)	Tier you will claim	Notes and gaps

Worked example

An alternative high school of about 80 students, grades 9 to 12, considers teacher-directed credit recovery (BAR-14).

Candidate	Student match	Setting match	Capacity	Tier you will claim	Notes and gaps
BAR-14 Teacher-directed credit recovery	2: studied in grade 9; the school serves grades 9 to 12	2: studied in urban regular high schools, not alternative schools	2: small teacher-led sections are feasible; needs a certified teacher of record, not only a proctor	Tier 2 at most for grade 9; Tier 3 for grades 10 to 12	Gap: certified teacher time for recovery sections. Menu notes no difference in graduation.

Where this fits in the toolkit

- T6 EBI Selection and Alignment Worksheet, Step 1: filter by grade band and setting.
- T2 Domain Decision Guide, Alternative and Virtual Schools: how to present your model as the setting.
- Next: Module 6, Writing the EBI choice into your plan. Schools with a model of their own take optional Modules A and B first.

Source: SYS IPG EBI Menu FINAL (October 2026), Read me ESSA tier rule and rows BAR-04, BAR-11, BAR-14, SMH-05.