

Washington State Institute for Public Policy

Benefit-Cost Results

The WSIPP benefit-cost analysis examines, on an apples-to-apples basis, the monetary value of programs or policies to determine whether the benefits from the program exceed its costs. WSIPP's research approach to identifying evidence-based programs and policies has three main steps. First, we determine "what works" (and what does not work) to improve outcomes using a statistical technique called meta-analysis. Second, we calculate whether the benefits of a program exceed its costs. Third, we estimate the risk of investing in a program by testing the sensitivity of our results. For more detail on our methods, see our [Technical Documentation](#).

Current estimates replace old estimates. Numbers will change over time as a result of model inputs and monetization methods.

Pre-K to 12 Education

Program name	Date of last literature review	Total benefits	Taxpayer benefits	Non-taxpayer benefits	Costs	Benefits minus costs (net present value)	Benefit to cost ratio	Chance benefits will exceed costs
State and district early childhood education programs	Dec. 2013	\$41,657	\$13,501	\$28,156	(\$7,259)	\$34,398	\$5.74	90 %
Becoming a Man (BAM) with high-dosage tutoring	May. 2015	\$35,735	\$9,686	\$26,049	(\$4,532)	\$31,203	\$7.89	72 %
Consultant teachers: Literacy Collaborative	Jun. 2014	\$25,473	\$6,515	\$18,957	(\$751)	\$24,721	\$33.90	100 %
Head Start	Dec. 2013	\$28,325	\$9,276	\$19,049	(\$8,939)	\$19,387	\$3.17	80 %
Double-dose classes	May. 2015	\$16,196	\$4,431	\$11,766	(\$493)	\$15,703	\$32.86	98 %
Tutoring: By peers	Jul. 2014	\$15,264	\$3,872	\$11,392	(\$114)	\$15,149	\$133.59	83 %
Case management in schools	Jun. 2014	\$14,660	\$4,315	\$10,345	(\$229)	\$14,431	\$64.07	96 %
Summer book programs: Multi-year intervention	Jun. 2014	\$13,921	\$3,541	\$10,380	(\$218)	\$13,703	\$63.90	70 %
Tutoring: By adults for English language learner students	Jul. 2014	\$15,049	\$4,041	\$11,008	(\$1,453)	\$13,595	\$10.35	69 %
Teacher professional development: Use of data to guide instruction	Jun. 2014	\$13,493	\$3,423	\$10,070	(\$110)	\$13,383	\$122.55	98 %
Tutoring: By certificated teachers, small-group, structured	Jun. 2014	\$14,213	\$3,773	\$10,440	(\$1,447)	\$12,767	\$9.82	96 %
Consultant teachers: Online coaching	Jun. 2014	\$12,288	\$3,122	\$9,166	(\$198)	\$12,090	\$61.94	92 %
Tutoring: By adults, one-on-one, structured	Jun. 2014	\$13,866	\$3,806	\$10,061	(\$2,359)	\$11,508	\$5.88	94 %
Project Lead The Way (PLTW)	Sep. 2014	\$13,104	\$3,530	\$9,574	(\$1,795)	\$11,309	\$7.30	82 %
Consultant teachers: Content-Focused Coaching	Jun. 2014	\$10,161	\$2,573	\$7,588	(\$59)	\$10,102	\$173.17	94 %
Special literacy instruction for English language learner students	Jul. 2014	\$10,049	\$2,615	\$7,434	(\$301)	\$9,748	\$33.42	80 %
Tutoring: By non-certificated adults, small-group, structured	Jun. 2014	\$8,760	\$2,285	\$6,475	(\$552)	\$8,208	\$15.87	77 %
Teacher professional development: Targeted	Jun. 2014	\$8,269	\$2,121	\$6,147	(\$268)	\$8,001	\$30.89	79 %
Consultant teachers: Coaching	Jun. 2014	\$6,326	\$1,632	\$4,694	(\$259)	\$6,067	\$24.40	81 %
Teacher professional development: Induction/mentoring	Jun. 2014	\$5,414	\$1,376	\$4,038	(\$77)	\$5,337	\$70.72	64 %
Per-pupil expenditures: 10% increase for one student cohort from kindergarten through grade 12	Apr. 2012	\$16,173	\$4,708	\$11,465	(\$11,044)	\$5,129	\$1.46	66 %
Out-of-school-time tutoring by adults	Jun. 2014	\$6,046	\$1,644	\$4,402	(\$945)	\$5,101	\$6.40	93 %
Summer learning programs: Academically focused	Jun. 2014	\$5,443	\$1,521	\$3,922	(\$1,166)	\$4,277	\$4.67	86 %
National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification bonuses	Apr. 2012	\$3,574	\$916	\$2,658	(\$112)	\$3,462	\$31.83	100 %
Supplemental computer-assisted instruction for struggling readers	Jun. 2016	\$4,012	\$1,085	\$2,928	(\$553)	\$3,460	\$7.26	58 %
Parents as tutors with teacher oversight	Jun. 2014	\$4,166	\$1,149	\$3,017	(\$818)	\$3,348	\$5.09	56 %
Becoming a Man (BAM)	May. 2015	\$4,746	\$1,489	\$3,257	(\$2,023)	\$2,723	\$2.35	76 %
Teacher performance pay programs	Oct. 2015	\$2,379	\$605	\$1,774	(\$36)	\$2,342	\$65.55	88 %
Tutoring: By adults, one-on-one, non-structured	Jun. 2014	\$3,685	\$1,116	\$2,569	(\$1,468)	\$2,216	\$2.51	71 %
Teacher professional development: Online, targeted	Jun. 2014	\$2,290	\$615	\$1,675	(\$300)	\$1,990	\$7.64	61 %
Summer book programs: One-year intervention	Jun. 2014	\$1,910	\$494	\$1,417	(\$79)	\$1,831	\$24.08	56 %
First Step to Success	May. 2015	\$2,335	\$640	\$1,695	(\$600)	\$1,735	\$3.89	53 %
Class size: reducing average class size by one student in kindergarten	Jan. 2013	\$1,837	\$567	\$1,270	(\$210)	\$1,627	\$8.74	98 %

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Summer book programs: One-year intervention, with additional support	Jun. 2014	\$963	\$257	\$706	(\$118)	\$845	\$8.19	57 %
Tutoring: Supplemental Educational Services (under Title I)	May. 2015	\$2,436	\$838	\$1,598	(\$1,692)	\$744	\$1.44	58 %
Class size: reducing average class size by one student in grade 1	Jan. 2013	\$951	\$309	\$642	(\$210)	\$741	\$4.53	89 %
Daily Behavior Report Cards	May. 2015	\$713	\$192	\$521	(\$51)	\$662	\$14.06	68 %
Class size: reducing average class size by one student in grade 2	Jan. 2013	\$598	\$205	\$393	(\$210)	\$388	\$2.85	67 %
Class size: reducing average class size by one student in grade 3	Jan. 2013	\$484	\$170	\$313	(\$210)	\$273	\$2.30	60 %
Class size: reducing average class size by one student in one grade, 4-6	Jan. 2013	\$346	\$127	\$219	(\$190)	\$156	\$1.82	54 %
Class size: reducing average class size by one student in one grade, 9-12	Jan. 2013	\$314	\$111	\$203	(\$170)	\$144	\$1.85	53 %
Class size: reducing average class size by one student in one grade, 7-8	Jan. 2013	\$305	\$111	\$194	(\$172)	\$133	\$1.77	53 %
Second Step	May. 2015	\$69	\$32	\$37	(\$121)	(\$51)	\$0.57	30 %
Teacher professional development: Not targeted	Jun. 2014	(\$28)	\$4	(\$32)	(\$89)	(\$117)	(\$0.32)	35 %
Conjoint Behavioral Consultation	May. 2015	(\$191)	\$41	(\$232)	(\$716)	(\$907)	(\$0.27)	1 %
Full-day kindergarten	Dec. 2013	\$378	\$445	(\$66)	(\$2,762)	(\$2,384)	\$0.14	37 %
Educator professional development: Use of data to guide instruction	Jun. 2014	(\$3,195)	(\$803)	(\$2,392)	(\$18)	(\$3,213)	(\$174.30)	31 %
"Check-in" behavior interventions	May. 2015	(\$2,307)	(\$371)	(\$1,936)	(\$1,349)	(\$3,656)	(\$1.71)	46 %
Even Start	Apr. 2012	(\$4,959)	(\$716)	(\$4,243)	(\$4,324)	(\$9,283)	(\$1.15)	31 %
Early Head Start	Apr. 2012	(\$1,494)	\$2,176	(\$3,670)	(\$11,123)	(\$12,617)	(\$0.13)	25 %

Other Pre-K to 12 Education topics reviewed:

Program name	Date of last literature review	Notes
Academic Vocabulary Instruction	Jun. 2016	Click for meta-analytic results
Charter schools: Knowledge Is Power Program (KIPP)	Aug. 2013	Click for meta-analytic results
Charter schools: non-urban charter schools	Aug. 2013	Click for meta-analytic results
Charter schools: overall impact	Aug. 2013	Click for meta-analytic results
Charter schools: urban charter schools	Aug. 2013	Click for meta-analytic results
Model early childhood education programs	Dec. 2013	Click for meta-analytic results
Pre-K and elementary bilingual instruction for English language learners	Jun. 2014	Click for meta-analytic results
Principal quality	Aug. 2013	Click for meta-analytic results
Teacher experience	Apr. 2012	Click for meta-analytic results
Teacher graduate degrees	Apr. 2012	Click for meta-analytic results
Teacher in-subject graduate degrees	Apr. 2012	Click for meta-analytic results
Transition programs for incoming kindergarteners	Jun. 2016	Click for meta-analytic results
ACCEPTS program	May. 2015	No rigorous evaluation measuring outcome of interest.
Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)	Jul. 2013	No rigorous evaluation measuring outcome of interest.
Connecting With Others program	May. 2015	No rigorous evaluation measuring outcome of interest.
Credit retrieval	Jun. 2014	No rigorous evaluation measuring outcome of interest.
High Schools That Work (HSTW)	Jul. 2013	No rigorous evaluation measuring outcome of interest.
International Baccalaureate	Jul. 2013	No rigorous evaluation measuring outcome of interest.
K-12 educator professional learning communities	Jul. 2013	No rigorous evaluation measuring outcome of interest.
Lunch Buddy Program	May. 2015	No rigorous evaluation measuring outcome of interest.
Make Your Day	May. 2015	No rigorous evaluation measuring outcome of interest.
MicroSociety	Jul. 2013	No rigorous evaluation measuring outcome of interest.
Montessori in K-12	Jul. 2013	No rigorous evaluation measuring outcome of interest.
Parent and family engagement coordinators	Jun. 2014	No rigorous evaluation measuring outcome of interest.
Skillstreaming	May. 2015	No rigorous evaluation measuring outcome of interest.
Team teaching/co-teaching	May. 2015	No rigorous evaluation measuring outcome of interest.
Think Time	May. 2015	No rigorous evaluation measuring outcome of interest.
K-12 teacher effectiveness	Dec. 2007	See previous WSIPP publication for past findings.

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