## What Works Clearinghouse User Guide

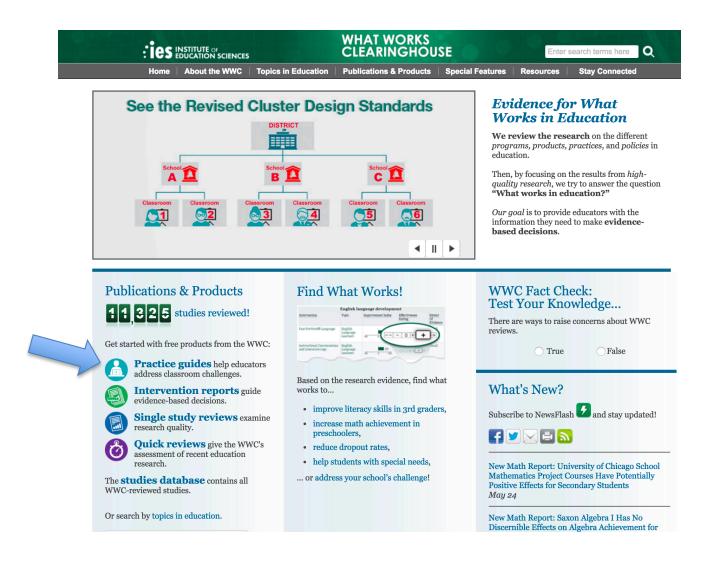
- 1) Practice Guides: Tackle big themes, such as "Teaching Academic Content and Literacy to English Language Learners in Elementary and Middle School," or "Helping Students Navigate the Path to College: What High Schools Can Do." The practice guides address big picture issues that everyone is dealing with. They do not advocate for specific interventions but instead suggest promising strategies.
- 2) Intervention Reports: These reports rate the effectiveness, and extent of evidence, on a given program, practice, or policy. For example, "First Year Experience Courses for Students in Developmental Education" and "New Teacher Center Induction Model."
- 3) Single Study Reviews: A review of an individual study that includes the WWC's assessment of the quality of the research design and technical details about the study's design and findings. These studies are a precursor for an intervention report.
- 4) Quick Reviews: Timely assessment of recently published research.





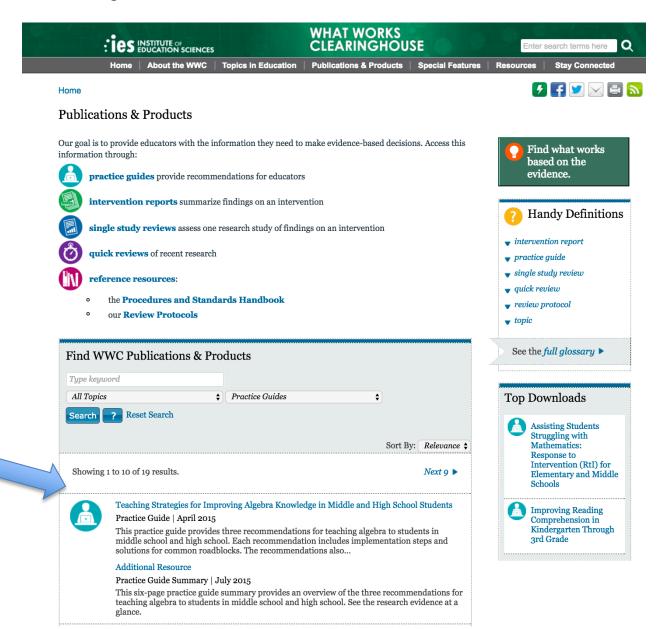
## We are going to focus on **Practice Guides** and **Intervention Reports**...

<u>Practice Guides:</u> A WWC publication that presents recommendations for educators to address challenges in their classrooms and schools.



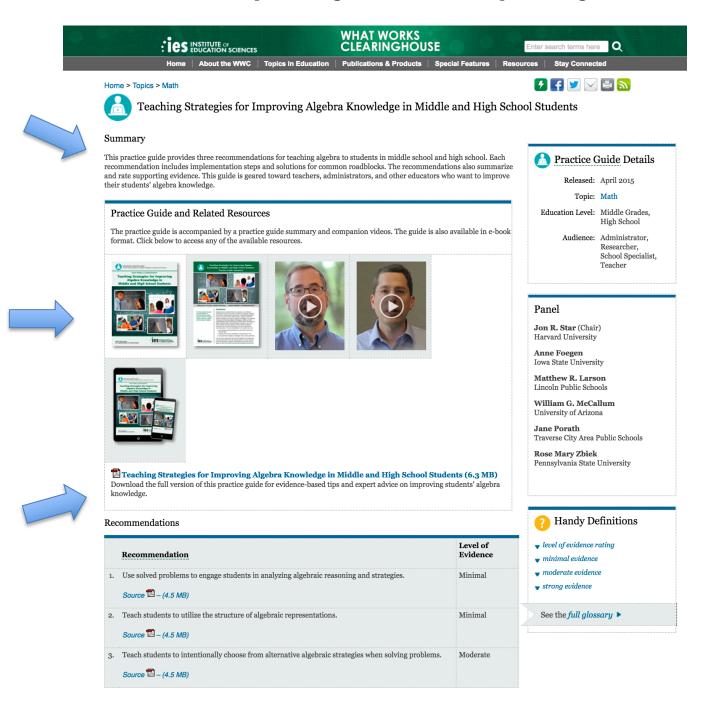


## **Example:** Teaching Strategies for Improving Algebra Knowledge in Middle and High School Students



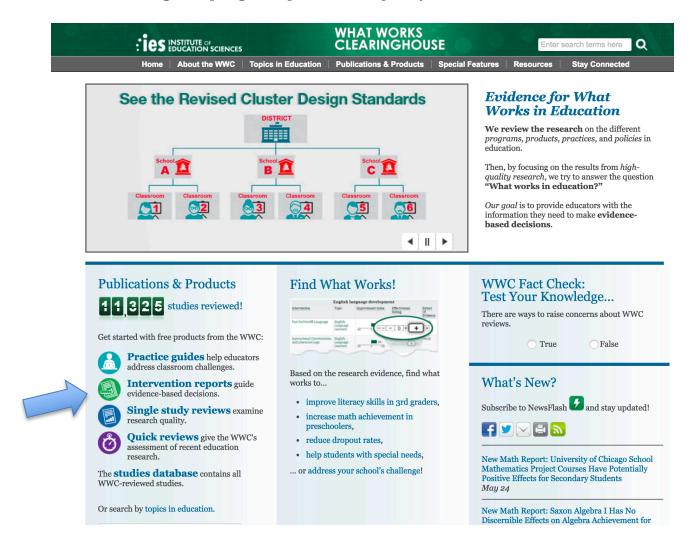


When you click on the strategy you will view a summary, a video that summarizes the practice guide, and the full practice guide.





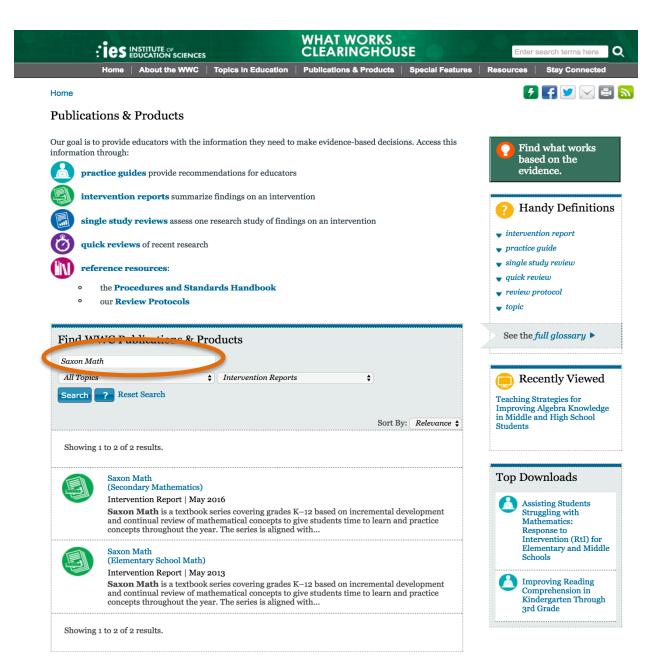
<u>Intervention Reports</u>: A summary of findings of the highest-quality research on a given program, practice, or policy in education.



There are two keys ways to land on an intervention report. **First**, if you have a specific intervention, and you want to know if it works, you can look for that intervention by searching for its name. **Second**, if you don't have a specific intervention in mind, but you have a general problem that you would like to address, you can search by topic. The intervention reports are grouped into 15 topics.



1) Scenario: An individual recommends to your superintendent that Saxon Math should be your schools next math curriculum. To learn more about Saxon Math you can use WWC to search specifically for that intervention by name.



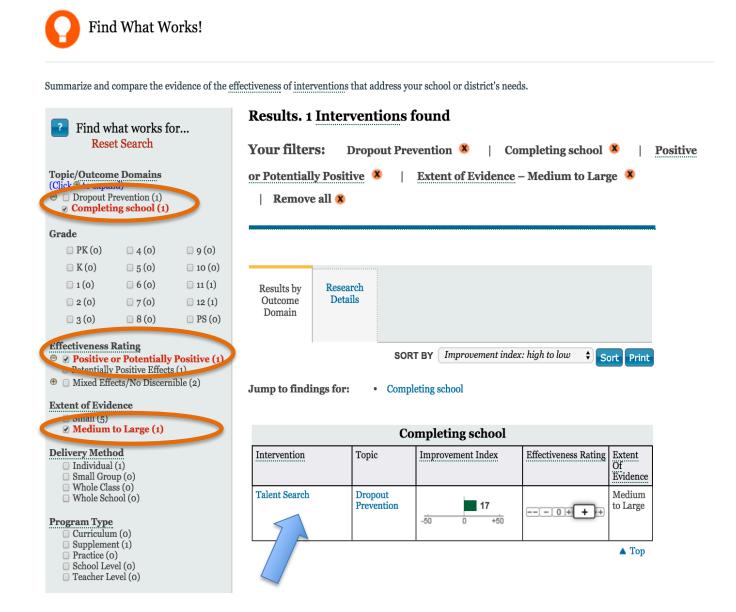


2) Scenario: Your school has a dropout problem that you need to address. You can use WWC to view the effectiveness of different interventions to address dropout by doing the following:





You can complete the varying filters to narrow in on interventions that most closely address the specifics of your school.



When you click on the report you can view findings on the effectiveness, a program description, rating of the research, and the full intervention report.

