

Tool 4

Considering the Research Base

The PD Leadership Team should review related studies and select at least two studies and/or well-developed research syntheses that support the practices that are to be the professional development target. Later the PD Leadership Team will lead the full faculty in reading and discussing the strongest articles. Attach the research studies that support this content.

Discussion Questions

What was the research question of the study? Were the authors trying to solve the same problem we are?

What were the results of the study? Were they reported in effect sizes? If not, how were they reported? Did the treatment benefit the sample studied? In your opinion, were the benefits substantial? Why?

Compare and contrast the sample studied with your own student population. Has this treatment benefited other students in previous studies?

Is this treatment practical for your faculty? Do you have access to trainers/external experts? Do you have sufficient time in your PD schedule to learn this treatment?