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TIER 4 EVIDENCE

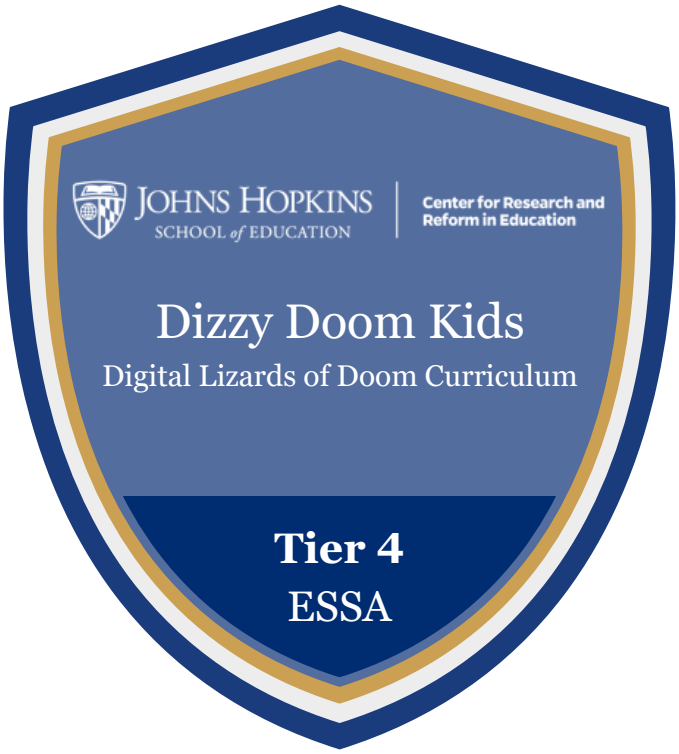
OVERVIEW

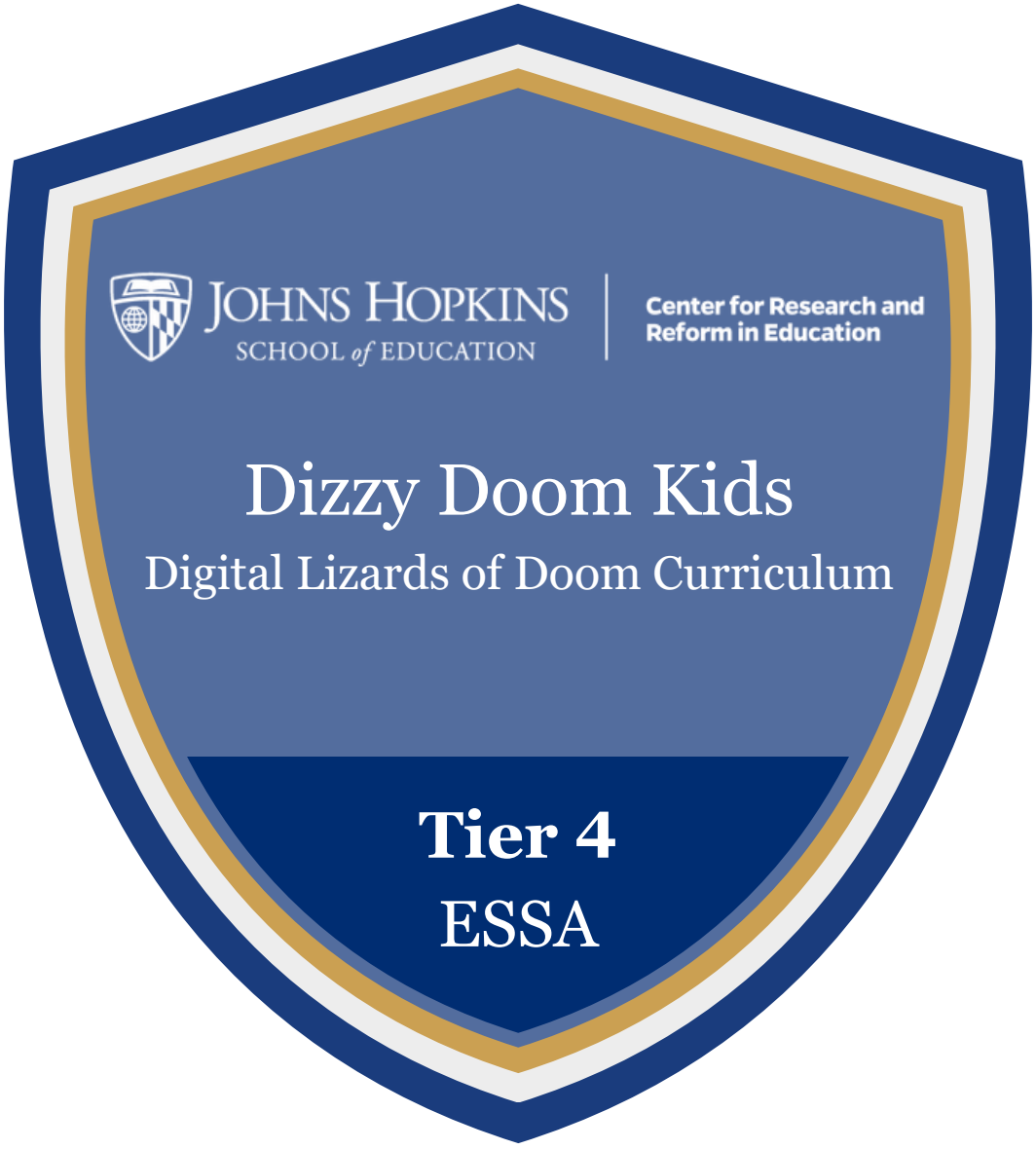
The Every Student Succeeds Act, also known as ESSA, is the main federal law governing k-12 education. ESSA recognizes four different levels, or "Tiers", of evidence. The fourth tier requires that a program demonstrate a rationale through the articulation of a clear, research-informed logic model and a detailed research plan that describes essential components of a proposed efficacy study that satisfies Tier 3 Evidence for ESSA criteria or higher. Specifically, these components include a logic model, research questions, a rigorous methodological design with a targeted sample population, and potential outcome measures that align with the research-informed logic model. The report that follows was developed by researchers in the Center for Research and Reform in Education (CRRE) at Johns Hopkin University, in accordance with the Evidence for ESSA requirements.

Evidence for ESSA	
Tier 1	***Strong evidence:*** *At least one well-designed and well-implemented experimental (i.e., randomized) study.*
Tier 2	***Moderate evidence:*** *At least one well-designed and well-implemented quasi-experimental (i.e., matched) study.*
Tier 3	***Promising evidence:*** *At least one well-designed and well-implemented correlational study with statistical controls for selection bias.*
Tier 4	*A program or practice that does not yet have evidence qualifying for the top 3 levels but is considered evidence-building and under evaluation.*

ESSA TIERS OF EVIDENCE

According to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Tier 4 evidence demonstrates a rationale in the form of a clearly articulated logic model and current or future plans to study the effects of an intervention. A third party evaluation was conducted by senior researchers in the Center for Research and Reform in Education at Johns Hopkins University. Based on this review, it has been determined that this program satisfies the criteria for meeting ESSA Tier 4 evidence.

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