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*“Bare bones” is a great place to begin! That’s where I am as well 😊*

## Reflection on Research

Educational research is an important factor for many participants in a school. Research is appropriate for teachers, specialists, administrators, para-educators, and more. We all tend to look at research through a different lens, but can have vastly differing viewpoints or purposes for research. For myself personally, I do not often look for established research in a journal when trying something different in my classroom. I tend to read blogs from teachers I have met in person or via social media. I get the occasional piece of reading from my instructional coach- which often times comes from a professional book. I cannot say I use much educational research in my current practice.

Educational research is often full of numbers and terms that can take the focus from me. After completing two research courses, I have a new appreciation for the work and determination that goes into educational research.

The first course I completed was Action Research in the School Setting. This course focused on myself being the one to research then conduct the research within my classroom. My action research project focused on student engagement during whole group reading lessons.

The second course I completed was Applied Research in the School Setting. This course focused on analyzing and critiquing educational research.

Teaching is an incredibly rigorous career. It is constantly changing and progressing. Teachers are expected to stay up to date on new policies and best practices. I feel

*I know this is a rough draft, but I like the reflective and honest tone you take. I think it’s important for us to be real with ourselves and those who will read our final submission. I also love the title of your blog!*

*I would look at either “to what extent” it is appropriate for each group of educators or what “lens” we tend to look at research to give this beginning more specifics.*

*When looking at the information/data you look at, I would talk about examples of helpful blogs/social media and what type of research your coach gives you.*

*I loved this part of our Masters program! I know you said it is bare bones here; however, it would be great to “hear” about what methods of data collection and results of your project. I’ll definitely see what you came up with as this is an issue for me as well.*