

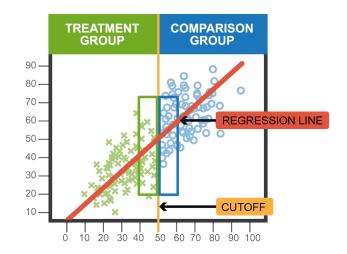
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## **Group Evaluation Comparison Chart**

How participants are chosen for treatment and comparison groups.





TREATMENT SCHOOL	PRETEST SCORE	COMPARISON SCHOOL	PRETEST SCORE
1	70	1	70
2	95	2	92
3	77	3	81
4	84	4	87
5	74	5	70
AVERAGE	80	AVERAGE	80

## **Randomized Controlled Trials**

Participants are randomly assigned to participate (the treatment group) or not to participate (the comparison group) in a program.

## **Regression Discontinuity Design**

Participation in a program is determined by a cutoff point (like a student test score or income level). The participants closest to the cutoff point—above and below—are included in the study.

## **Matched Comparison Design**

Program participants receive program services. A different group of participants, who are as similar as possible on important characteristics, is chosen as the comparison group.