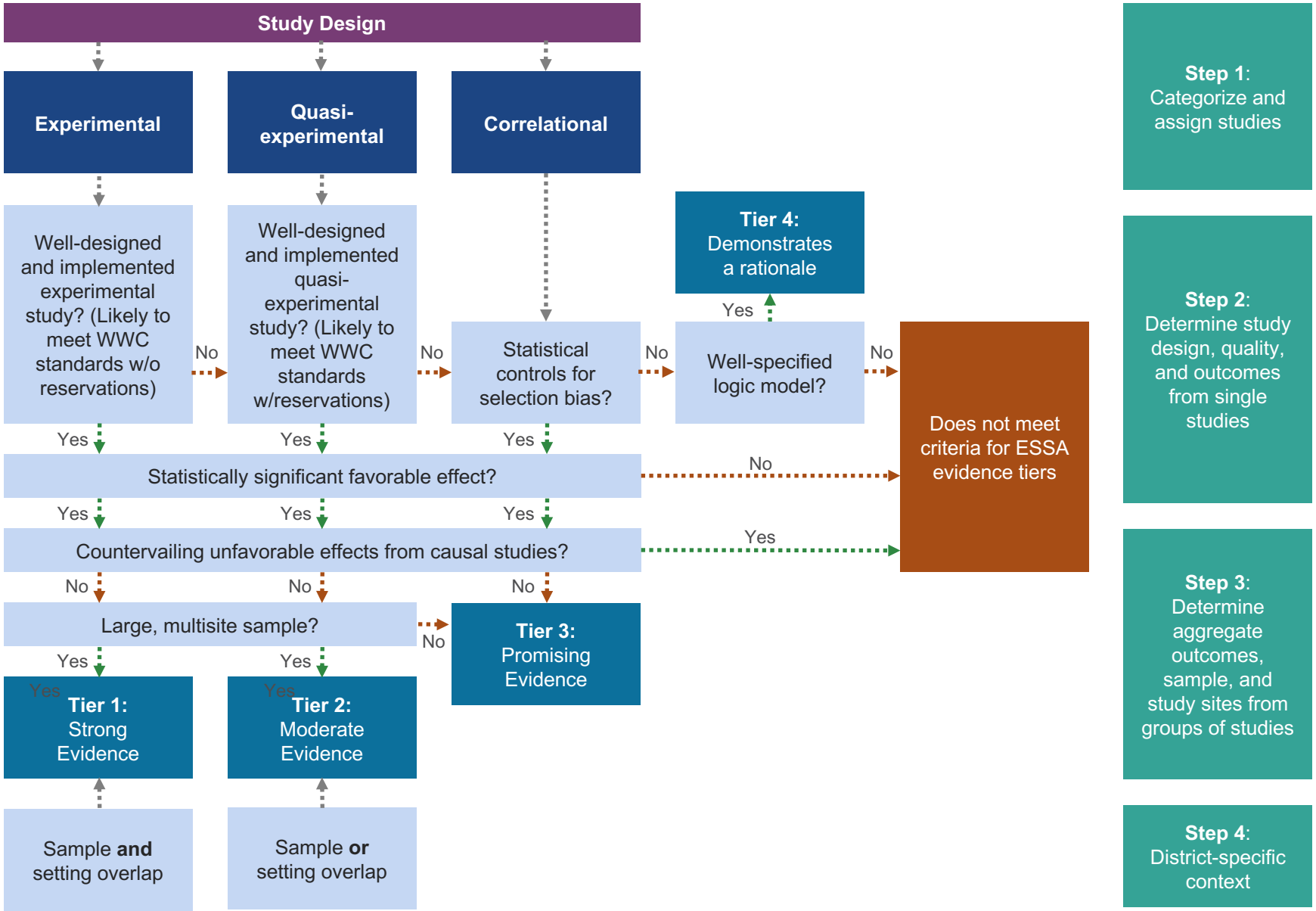
Study Design
Experimental
Quasi-experimental
Correlational
Well-designed and implemented experimental study? (Likely to meet WWC standards w/o reservations)
Well-designed and implemented quasi-experimental study? (Likely to meet WWC standards w/reservations)
Statistical controls for selection bias?
Well-specified logic model?
Tier 4: Demonstrates a rationale
Yes
No
Does not meet criteria for ESSA evidence tiers
Statistically significant favorable effect?
Countervailing unfavorable effects from causal studies?
Large, multisite sample?
Tier 3: Promising Evidence
Tier 1: Strong Evidence
Tier 2: Moderate Evidence
Sample and setting overlap
Sample or setting overlap
Step 1: Categorize and assign studies
Step 2: Determine study design, quality, and outcomes from single studies
Step 3: Determine aggregate outcomes, sample, and study sites from groups of studies
Step 4: District-specific context