In Summary

RTI is the practice of providing high-quality instruction for all students and focused interventions as needed based on data indicating students’ levels of performance and learning rates over time.

Like any successful school initiative, parents play a critical role in RTI.

How to Support Your Student

- Make reading a habit at home.
- Communicate with your child’s teacher
- Monitor and assist with homework assignments.
- Learn more about the curriculum and interventions used at your child’s school.
- Attend Parent/Teacher conferences and other school meetings about your child.
- Share your child’s successes.

If you have any questions, please contact your child’s principal.

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Response to Intervention (RTI)

RTI is a multi-tiered instructional framework aimed at improving outcomes for all students. RTI allows schools to:

- Identify students at risk for not meeting grade level outcomes.
- Monitor progress towards those outcomes.
- Provide evidence-based interventions.
- Adjust the intensity and nature of those interventions based on how a student responds to instructions and intervention.

RTI may be used as part of the determination process for identifying students with specific learning disabilities.

Essential Components of RTI:

- Universal Screening
- Tiered Instructional System
- Progress Monitoring
- Data Based Decision Making

Key Terms in RTI:

Universal Screening
An assessment given to all students at the beginning of the school year and other significant points. The purpose of screening is to identify students who may require instructional support.

Tiered Instruction
Within the RTI framework are several tiers, or levels of instruction. General education is referred as Tier 1. Additional tiers use increasingly intense levels of instruction.

Progress Monitoring
Assessment intended to track a student’s rate of improvement on critical indicators of progress and/or in the identified academic area targeted during intervention.

Data Based Decision Making
Using data from established assessments, observations and interviews for instructional decisions.

RTI Process

Tier 1 Core Instruction
All students receive high quality core curriculum through whole groups and small group differentiated instruction in regular classrooms.

Tier 2 Supplemental Instruction
In addition to core instruction, students needing extra support receive interventions closely aligned to the core instruction and that target specific areas of need. Progress is monitored to determine improvement.

Tier 3 Intensive Instruction
In addition to core and supplemental instruction, students needing intensive instruction to target their specific skill deficits receive interventions that are highly aligned to their area of need, very structured, precisely delivered and extended over time. Progress is monitored frequently.

Tiers as Resources

Tier 1: 100% of students pass benchmark assessments
Tier 2: Effective if at least 80% are meeting benchmark assessments
Tier 3: For approx. 5% of students Tier 1 Core + Supplemental + Intensive
Tier 2: For approx. 15% of students Tier 1 Core + Supplemental