## Response To Intervention

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What do you think RTI is?

## What is Response to Intervention?

- Multi-tiered system of intervention for All Students
- A systematic application of data-based decision making to enhance outcomes for ALL students
- Data collection system, and assessment that informs decision making, and ongoing progress monitoring of students

## RTI

is not

**Special Education!** 

#### However...

RtI has been explored as a primary way to identify students with a specific learning disability

RTI is a process used to meet the requirements of Article 7's Early Intervening Services

Article 7 is Indiana's legal implementation of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004

## 4 Key Elements of Response To Intervention

- 1. High-quality, *research-based instruction* matched to student needs
- Monitoring student learning over a period of time to determine their level and rate of performance on assessment for constant decisionmaking
- 3. Provide *interventions* of increasing intensity
- 4. Make important educational *decisions* based on data



## There are 3 types of RTI....

- 1. Standard Treatment
- 2. Problem Solving Approach
  - 3. Pre-Referral Approach

#### 1. Standard Treatment

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This type of RTI is the most popular. It addresses the curriculum within a classroom as a whole. It uses research-based measurements to provide remediation to a class as a whole.

## 2. Problem - Solving Approach

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This approach is often used when a school does not have an RTI system in place. This approach is gathering data about one individual student who is falling behind in a certain area, and giving that student remediation. This approach does not involve the whole class.

## 3. Pre-Referral Approach

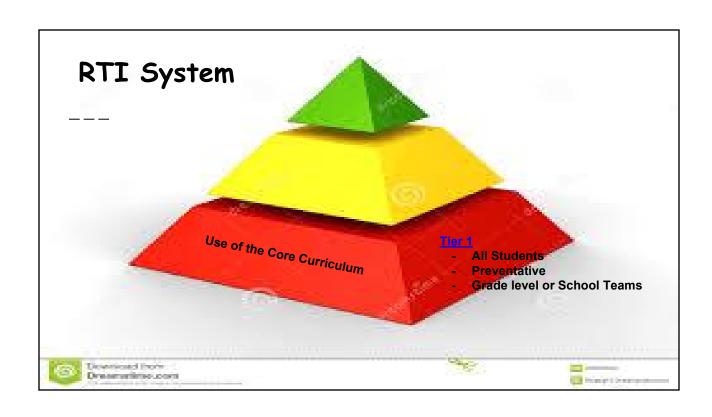
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This approach is the least common, and is not truly RTI in its intended form. This approach takes a student who may be struggling in an area, and begins the pre-referral process for special education. There are no prior interventions to see if the student did have a response.



# We will be focusing on the Standard Treatment Approach...

## Here is how it works!



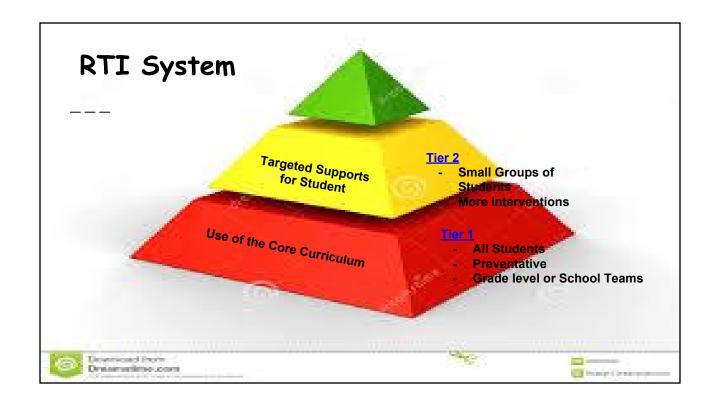
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Whole School, or Whole Grade Levels

#### Examples:

- Attendance Programs
- Reading Programs
- Positive Behavior Support Plans



## Tier Two

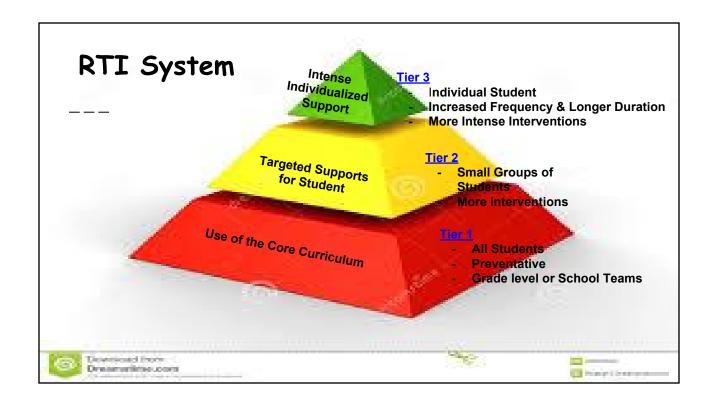
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Small Groups

- Skill Level

#### Examples:

- Mentoring
- Small Group Practice in subject area
- Anger Control Programs



## **Tier Three**

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Individualized

No Response = Referral to Special Education

#### Examples

- One on One tutoring
- One on One Behavior Counseling
- Intense Interventions

## **All Three Tiers Must Have...**

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#### •Curricula, Instruction, and Intervention

- -Evidence-based
- -Culturally responsive
- -Consistent and high quality

#### Assessment and Progress Monitoring

Tools meet necessary measurement criteria, such as sensitivity to change



## **Roles and Implications**

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General Education Teacher

• Must provide effective education throughout

Special Education Teacher

 Provide Advice for Interventions and be prepared for referrals

Data!

Training and Education!

## **RTI Team**

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- Each school wishing to use RTI, must have a designated RTI team.
- The RTI team has many jobs and many rolls...
  - o Guide Teachers
  - o Guide Program
  - o Communicate with Parents
  - o Collect and Manage Data

## RTI Team cont...

Roles:

## • Facilitator - guide and run the meeting, must have working knowledge of the RTI process.

- Recorder Keeps track of meeting minutes
- Timekeeper meetings can hold a lot of information, this person needs to keep the team on task and watch the time.

## RTI Team cont...

Roles:

Case Manager - supports and guides the teacher who is referring a student or class to RTI.

Coordinator - runs the day to day operations for the team. Monitors RTI data that is being gathered, helps teachers daily, keeps track of students.



## **Bottom Line**

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- RTI is for all Students
- It is not Special Education, but can be used to determine if a student has a specific learning disability
  - RTI can be used in any school and any district
    - There are three tiers
    - There must be an RTI team



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