

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO RESPONSE TO INSTRUCTION (RTI)



What Is “Response to Instruction” or RTI?

RTI is a federal and state initiative intended to meet a wide range of individual students needs through general education services. The regular classroom teacher and other personnel (other classroom teachers and educational specialists) can help meet the needs of individual students through this tiered process. The goal of RTI is to provide students with the help they need to be successful as early as possible in their school career.

How does RTI work?

All students at Central Elementary are given Tier I instruction. Tier I uses research based best practices of differentiated instruction within the core curriculum to meet the needs of each student. When a child begins to have some area of concern affecting his/her school progress, the data team will create an intervention plan using research based instruction designed to improve the student's performance. The child will be placed in Tier II and will receive a supplemental intervention. If the child continues to have difficulty, the teacher will meet with a team of other staff members to discuss the child's needs, consider other interventions, and outline a method to carefully monitor the child's progress**. The child's progress is measured over time. If the child continues to struggle, Tier III would provide an additional comprehensive curriculum. If the student fails to make adequate progress in Tier III after an appropriate period of time, the student may be assessed to determine if additional services supports are warranted.

**This team – referred to as the RTI Data Team – uses the insight and expertise of school staff members at each grade level. The team members offer suggestions, analyze data, and communicate with other staff and/or parents.

What is the role of the Parent in RTI?

Parents have an important role throughout the RTI process. Teachers will communicate concerns regarding their student and encourage parent participation in telephone conversations and/or conferences regarding their child. Parents provide insight into a child's learning and development, develop and implement an intervention plan, and measure/evaluate the plan's effectiveness. Parents should contact your child's teacher with any concerns regarding academics or behavior.

For more information on the RTI process, please visit Plainfield Community School

Corporation's website at www.plainfield.k12.in.us to access the Response to Instruction Policies and Procedures. Please contact Mrs. Thacker or your child's teacher if you have any questions.