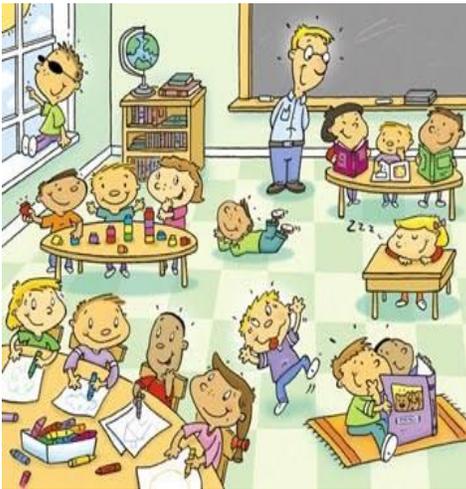


What Parents Should Know About RTI

"Every child has a different learning style and pace. Each child is unique, not only capable of learning but also capable of succeeding."

~ Robert John Meehan



What is RTI?

RTI stands for Response to Intervention and refers to a set of ideas focused on how to help all children be successful in school. It is the practice of meeting academic and behavioral needs of all students through high quality instruction, frequent monitoring of progress and application of student data to make educational decisions (as defined by TEA).

Why do we do it?

To ensure our students receive the best possible instruction in order to become successful in school.

What is the goal of RTI?

RTI is a method of organizing and coordinating school resources and analyzing data to create a more efficient range of options that serve all students in danger of not reaching their potential.

Do I need to sign my child up?

No, based on reading and math screeners and other assessments, your child's teacher should contact you if interventions are necessary for the academic success of your child.

Does RTI mean that my child is in special education?

No. RTI can help in identifying learning gaps and learning styles. Teachers will provide specific instruction and extra help to students in need. If the interventions do not work, campus RTI teams (including parents) can decide if a referral to special education or other programs is the next reasonable step.

What is my role as a parent?

Be involved every step of the way. Nobody knows your child better than you!

Educators need your insights and contributions as they work on the solution-finding process.

Here are some key questions that can help you when discussing your child's progress:

- ◆ Is my child meeting expectations? What are they? If not, why and what can we do differently?
- ◆ If needed, what interventions are going to be provided? How? By whom? How often? For how long?
- ◆ How is progress going to be measured?
- ◆ What can I do at home to support my child?
- ◆ How will I know if interventions are working?
- ◆ What happens if the interventions are not working?

More Information:

- ◆ <http://www.tea.state.tx.us>
- ◆ <http://BuildingRTI.utexas.org>
- ◆ www.nrcld.org/free/downloads/ABC_of_RTI.pdf
- ◆ www.texasidcenter.org
- ◆ rti4success.org
- ◆ www.nclid.org

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