Family Involvement with Response to Intervention

What is Response to Intervention (RtI)?

The purpose of RtI is to help students succeed in school and in life.

It is an ongoing process for achieving success – not just a one-time event.

RtI is for ALL students and for ALL teachers.

Parents and educators both realize that students learn at different levels. Some students face unique challenges, with cognitive, emotional, or physical impairments. Others may come from diverse cultural backgrounds, where English is the second language. And there are those students who just take longer to learn than others.

RtI is a comprehensive system to give every student the time and added support needed to achieve high levels of success. With RtI, we rely upon data about each student’s individual strengths to discern their needs for greater achievement. Using RtI’s step-ladder approach (Tiers 1, 2, 3), students can get additional time and support for learning depending upon their individual needs. Simply put, both academic and behavioral expectations are taught and re-taught until learned.

The State of Wisconsin has common core academic standards. These are the specific knowledge/skills that all students are expected to learn at each grade level. Student instruction is based on these state standards. With RtI, instructional interventions are added for students who are not meeting grade level standards. These interventions are flexible; designed to respond to specific student needs for the greatest benefit.
**Why should families be involved with RtI?**

It is a well-proven fact that students who have involved parents tend to:

- Earn higher grades.
- Attend school regularly.
- Have more positive behaviors.
- Graduate from high school.
- Attend college.

**How can your family be involved?**

It is so easy to be part of this winning formula:

- Communicate frequently with school staff about your teen’s progress.
- Work with us to develop fresh goals when needed.
- Praise your teen for good work and solid effort.
- Attend parent meetings to share your concerns and ideas.

A highly effective way to help your teen succeed in school is to simply support learning beyond the classroom. You can do this by:

- Having a set time and place for nightly homework.
- Have magazines, graphic novels and other reading materials at home.
- Take your teen to college campuses so they focus on this life option.
- Discuss your desire for their success and your pride in their efforts.
- Talk often about the employment benefits of a higher education.

Collaboration between teachers and parents is essential for student success. We are an unbeatable team when we work together to benefit our students. Please feel free to contact any of our teachers for more information about your teen’s current progress.

For more detailed information about RtI, please visit: [www.wisconsinrticenter.org](http://www.wisconsinrticenter.org) and watch their online module: *Response to Intervention and Family Engagement*.

*We thank you for being involved in your teen’s education!*