

RTI is for All Students...

RTI Solutions from Pearson are for Everyone!

Why Response to Intervention (RTI)?

RTI is more than just a part of the process for identifying students with special needs. The new Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA 2004) conceptualizes an integrated model that can be used to effectively teach everyone.

This new model is collectively referred to as "Response to Intervention" or RTI.

- Appropriate for all children
- Calls for early screening and early intervention
- Decision making using a problem-solving approach
- Progress monitoring
- Data-driven decision making
- Focus on scientifically based instruction

What is Response to Intervention (RTI)?

RTI means different things to different people, but the National Joint Committee on Learning Disabilities has arguably the best working conceptualization (see for example <http://www.lidaamerica.org/pdf/rti2005.pdf>).

Tier I All Students (Screening Assessment & Instruction)

Tier II At Risk (Individual Assessment & Instruction)

Tier III Are Special Needs Services Required?

- Tier I, for all students, essentially asks if there is effective instruction in place for everyone. Is there an effective "teach, assess, learn" cycle?
- Tier II requires that select students from Tier I (failing to learn for whatever reason) are targeted for more individualized and focused instruction with corresponding measures and progress monitoring, feedback, and adjustment to instruction and sustained learning.
- Tier III is for students referred from Tier II who need sustained, ongoing, intense intervention and instructional support, and possibly a comprehensive evaluation for identification of a learning disability.



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What can Pearson Do to Help with Your RTI Needs?

Now that we have some common understanding of the task of RTI, how can we help? Pearson, the same provider of large-scale, clinical, and special needs products and services, has offerings to help with each tier of RTI.

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Tier I Curriculum-based large-scale assessments and benchmark assessments (like PASeries®, GRADE, and G·MADE) can be used for routine and scheduled screening. Our assessments can be administered at the beginning of the year and throughout to get an overall picture of performance at the student, classroom, school, and district levels. Based on reports that specify strengths and weaknesses, educators can choose from the following resources to remediate areas of weakness and enrich areas of strength: GRADE Resource Libraries, Building Success, Head for Success, Lexile® and Quantile® measures, and relevant reading lists and math concepts.

Tier II Individualized assessments as well as more diagnostic tests—a part of PASeries or pre-post testing with BASI, for example—can play a sound, scientifically based role for more focused assessment and intervention. With parallel forms, GRADE and G·MADE can be used to determine where children are struggling, pinpoint areas of concern, and recommend various interventions on an individual student level. Pearson Inform analyzes results from multiple assessments and identifies Intervention Groups, targets assistance, and develops and helps implement Academic Intervention Plans. After intervention takes place, the student can be tested again to see if progress has been made.

Tier III Individualized educational, cognitive, and behavioral assessments could be used as part of your school's plan for continuous intervention support. With the information from GRADE and G·MADE reports, schools can determine where the student's weakness is, whether or not intervention has been effective, and provide helpful data to the Child Study Team to help determine what areas of learning need further analysis. Information from GRADE and G·MADE can be used for IEP development as well. In addition, Pearson Inform automatically documents what interventions have been provided and helps determine their effectiveness to improve continuous intervention efforts.

What Can I Do Next?

Check out Pearson's website for the latest in products and services in support of RTI:
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