



### RtI Quick Facts

**Response to Intervention (RtI)** is a process to assist struggling learners within the general education setting. The process includes identifying students who are at risk, providing targeted interventions to improve their skills, and frequently measuring progress. Depending on how the student responds, the interventions can be increased and intensified.

#### **Ten Things to Know about RtI**

1. RtI takes place within general education
2. RtI is based in the principles of Universal Design for Learning – Google it
3. ‘At risk’ students are identified through universal screening
4. Frequent progress monitoring is a necessary component of RtI
5. Response = data based
6. Intervention = research based
7. RtI follows a tiered model approach – understand the pyramid to understand RtI
8. RtI is a procedure for problem solving – not a curriculum or methodology
9. RtI is not an eligibility system
10. Parent involvement is critical and required

**Response to Intervention** represents a whole new philosophy. It is a new, progressive way of thinking and delivering instruction intended to close achievement gaps by finding what works for individual students. RtI increases the responsibility of educators to adjust to the learning styles and needs of students, rather than putting the burden on the student to either adapt to a one-size-fits-all approach - or fail. Such a big systems change does not come easy. Successful implementation of RtI programs will require the buy-in of all stakeholders: general and special education teachers, administrators and principals, superintendents, school boards, and yes, PARENTS. Be proactive and take role in making sure that the implementation is effective. Meet with your administrators and get a handle on the process in your district. Offer to organize an informational meeting for parents. Be involved in your own child’s program and highlight and reinforce good practices. Make sure you understand RtI yourself. Read and research. Visit the “What is RtI?” page on the Special Education Parent Center website for more information and resources. [www.hvsepc.org](http://www.hvsepc.org)

#### **Must read:**

***Parent Advocacy Brief: A Parent’s Guide to Response to Intervention***

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