

Response-to-Intervention: Ten Questions Parents Should Ask

As states and school districts work to implement an RTI process that provides early help to struggling students, parents need to understand the components essential to the appropriate implementation of RTI. Here are ten questions to ask about RTI to help guide you through the process.

1. Is the school district currently using an RTI process to provide additional support to struggling students? If not, do they plan to?
2. What screening procedures are used to identify students in need of intervention?
3. What are the interventions and instructional programs being used? What research supports their effectiveness?
4. What process is used to determine the intervention that will be provided?
5. What length of time is allowed for an intervention before determining if the student is making adequate progress?
6. What strategy is being used to monitor student progress? What are the types of data that will be collected and how will student progress be conveyed to parents?
7. Is a written intervention plan provided to parents as part of the RTI process?
8. Is the teacher or other person responsible for providing the interventions trained in using them?
9. When and how will information about a student's performance and progress be provided?
10. At what point in the RTI process are students who are suspected of having a learning disability referred for formal evaluation?