INSTRUCTION

Identifying Students with Specific Learning Disabilities According to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and WAC 392-172A.

RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION

It is the district’s policy to ensure that all students receive high quality, scientific, research-based general education core instruction and, as appropriate, strategic and intensive intervention supports matched to student needs. Schools within the District have the option to utilize the core principles of the Response to Intervention (RTI) process which combines systematic assessment, decision-making and a multi-tiered services delivery model to improve educational and behavioral outcomes for all students.

The district’s process identifies students’ challenges early and provides appropriate instruction by ensuring students are successful in the general education classroom. In implementing the RTI process, the district and/or participating school(s) shall apply:

A. Scientific, research-based interventions in the general education setting;
B. Measure the student’s response to intervention; and
C. Use RTI data to adapt, modify, and/or change instruction.

The superintendent shall develop, modify, reform, change, or guide procedures to implement student interventions; and use teacher observations, and classroom, school, or district assessments to identify students who are at risk of academic or behavioral problems and thereby in need of scientific research-based interventions. Nothing in this policy shall authorize a decrease in current levels of funding to general education students nor an increase in funding to special education students of more than minor amounts.

Intervention shall consist of a three levels of assistance that increase in intensity. The three levels shall include:

A. Screening and classroom interventions;
B. Targeted small group intervention; and
C. Intensive interventions

Parent Involvement in the RTI Process

The district shall inform parents regarding the use of scientific, research-based interventions, including: a) the state’s policies regarding the amount and nature of students’ performance data collected and the general education services provided; b) strategies used to increase the student’s rate of learning; c) and the parents’ right to request a special education evaluation.

Cross Reference: Board Policy 2151 Education of Students with Disabilities

Legal References: 34 CFR 300.307, 300.309 and 300.311
34 CFR 300.205(d), 300.208(a)(2), 300.226 and 300.646(b)(2)

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