

Response to Intervention

Students that enter our building every day come in with their own strengths and weaknesses with most of them being able to be successful. However, there are students that struggle academically and/or behaviorally and may require some support to help them be successful. Response to Intervention, RtI, is a practice to provide high-quality instruction/intervention through review of student performance level and providing interventions to improve student performance.

RtI has been used at our school in the past and the process has been updated so we can better serve the students. The first step of RtI is when a teacher identifies a student that is struggling and completes a referral form which goes to the RtI team. The team along with the teacher will review the strengths and talents of the student along with background data. The team will select targeted concerns and create academic and/or behavioral goals and determine an intervention program to help the student reach the goals. The student will be monitored for three weeks and after that time effectiveness of the intervention program will be evaluated. If the program is having positive results it will be continued and if not a new intervention will be chosen.

The RtI team meets regularly as student needs change throughout the year allowing support to students when necessary. Parents will be notified if their child has been recommended for the RtI and permission will be asked prior to the start of an intervention. The team approach of parents and teachers working together increases the likelihood of the student improving and reaching their goal. Once a student has achieved their goal they may no longer need their RtI program but may be monitored for a time to ensure they remain successful without the intervention.

Response to Intervention is a proactive approach to help students that are struggling. However, there are some problems that are more complex and RtI may not work but is a good beginning point. Montpelier School wants all students to be successful and RtI is just one tool to make this happen. If you have any questions about RtI please contact Mr. Waagen.