Considerations for Planning Tier 2 Interventions

A set of guiding questions to use during the development of an intervention system. Questions are focused on looking at student data, targeting students, and intervention selection, implementation, and effectiveness.
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For information on the tiered systems of student support, please refer to the RTI Action Network.

Data Questions

• To what degree is attendance playing a role in student performance? To whom do you refer Tier 3 students who have serious attendance issues (inside and outside of the school) so that the Success Team can really concentrate on supporting Tier 2 students?
• How does the grade distribution look by teacher? Are there teachers who are failing a disproportionate number of students?
• Do your assessment policies create opportunities for students to demonstrate mastery, or do they cause students to feel overwhelmed and fall off track?

Targeting Students

• How many students have you identified for Success Team intervention? Does this number fall in the 15 – 25% range for Tier 2 supports? Are there students who are really Tier 3 being included into Tier 2 supports?

Intervention Selection

• What issue is the intervention addressing? (academic/social-emotional/behavioral)
• What programs/resources already exist in the building that could possibly address the issue? How closely do these programs/resources align with the identified needs of students? For example, if tutoring is being offered already, is it designed to help students with real-time issues they face in their classes or is it specifically designed for remediation of basic skills?

Intervention Implementation

• Who will implement the intervention?
• Who will coordinate the intervention (logistics)?
• Who will own the tracking of the intervention’s effectiveness?
• What does successful implementation look like?
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Tracking Effectiveness

• Does tracking your intervention include the following information: targeted students' names, participation (such as the number of times targeted students participate within a specified period), grade check dates, and grades in targeted courses?

• Does your tracking tool allow you to aggregate point-in-time data in different ways so that you can accurately monitor targeted student progress?

• What is your timeline for course correction?