Case Studies

Ideal for use in personnel preparation courses and PD activities, IRIS Case Studies ask learners to approach realistic instructional scenarios through increasing levels of complexity.

RTI: Progress Monitoring

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Take advantage of these opportunities to practice the application of basic progress monitoring concepts within the RTI approach, including the administration and scoring of probes as well as the graphing of student progress.

RTI: Data-Based Decision Making

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Learn to examine a student's progress monitoring data to determine whether the student is responding adequately to instruction or would benefit from more intensive intervention.

High-Leverage Practices (HLPs)

Developed in collaboration with CEEDAR, and the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) this tool identifies existing IRIS resources that contain information on HLPs, 22 essential special education techniques that all K–12 special education teachers should master for use across a variety of classroom circumstances. This tool allows users to sort results by:

» HLP topic areas (assessment, collaboration, instruction, social/emotional/behavioral)
» Degree of alignment (strongly, moderately, loosely)
» Content type (information, implementation)

Additional Resources

In addition to modules and case studies, the IRIS Center offers Fundamental Skill Sheets, activities, information briefs, interviews, video vignettes, wraparound resources, learning pathways, and more.

Professional Development

The IRIS Center offers three distinct professional development options:

» **Free Open-Access Website** – IRIS creates a host of materials about evidence-based instructional and behavioral practices. These resources are all freely available on our website.

» **PD Certificates for Educators** – This option allows users to earn certificates toward their PD hours. Practitioners can work through a wide variety of our modules and—after taking a pretest and posttest—receive verification of completion.
Note: Eligible modules are indicated by the PD icon above.

» **IRIS+ School & District Platform** – School and district administrators can assign modules to individual educators or groups, send reminder emails, track educator progress, and export results for accountability purposes.

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MTSS/RTI

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Supporting the preparation and ongoing professional learning of educators to effectively use evidence-based and high-leverage practices

What It Is

The response-to-intervention (RTI) framework has been used to improve students' mathematics proficiency. RTI is a type of multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) for delivering increasingly intensive levels of instruction matched to student needs and based on data. Additionally:

» RTI provides early intervening services to struggling students to improve their skills.
» RTI can be used to help identify students who have learning disabilities.

Benefits

MTSS/RTI has many potential benefits, including:

» Providing early instructional intervention to those who need it
» Requiring teachers to rely on assessment data to support instructional decisions
» Reducing inappropriate special education referrals and placements
» Providing multiple levels of intervention
» Increasing the use of evidence-based practices in classroom instruction

Key Ideas

MTSS/RTI typically addresses student needs through tiers of increasingly intensive instructional interventions. Whether for early intervening or for the identification of students with learning disabilities, RTI incorporates the following elements:

» Universal screening
» High-quality instruction
» Evidence-based practices
» Frequent progress monitoring
» Increasingly intense levels of intervention
» Data-based decision making

IRIS Modules

Based on a proven theory of adult learning and structured around the award-winning *STAR Legacy* instructional cycle, IRIS Modules offer in-depth looks at topics relevant to educators through text, graphics, interactive activities, interviews with experts and educators, and video demonstrations. User-friendly, approachable, and highly engaging, our modules are made up of five components:

Challenge: A case-based video scenario that introduces the topic and invites inquiry

Initial Thoughts: Questions that activate learners' prior knowledge about the topic

Perspectives & Resources: Scaffolded content developed using instructional design principles

Wrap Up: A summary of the module content

Assessment: An opportunity for learners to evaluate what they have learned or need to study further

IRIS Modules for Implementing RTI

RTI (Part 1):
An Overview
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This module addresses:

›› Purposes of RTI
›› Benefits of RTI
›› Different approaches to RTI

RTI (Part 2):
Assessment
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Learn about:

›› Universal screening
›› Progress monitoring
›› Data-based decision making

RTI (Part 3):
Reading Instruction
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Learn about:

›› High-quality instruction at each tier
›› Instructional practices
›› Core reading components

RTI (Part 4):
Putting It All Together
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Learn about:

›› Training and preparation
›› Coordinating assessment procedures and high-quality reading instruction
›› Factors that influence effective implementation

RTI (Part 5):
A Closer Look at Tier 3
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Learn how a school:

›› Identifies students who need intensive intervention
›› Implements Tier 3 reading interventions
›› Assesses response to Tier 3 intervention

RTI:
Considerations for School Leaders
iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/rti-leaders

Learn about:

›› School-wide support
›› Factors for building an infrastructure
›› Evaluation of the implementation process

MTSS/RTI:
Mathematics
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Learn about:

›› The RTI framework and instruction at each tier
›› Assessments and data-based decision making
›› RTI in elementary, middle, and high school

Progress Monitoring:
Reading
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Learn how to:

›› Select, administer, and score reading probes
›› Graph scores
›› Make data-based instructional decisions
›› Communicate progress

Progress Monitoring:
Mathematics
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Learn how to:

›› Select, administer, and score mathematics probes
›› Graph scores
›› Make data-based instructional decisions
›› Communicate progress

Intensive Intervention (Part 1):
Using Data-Based Individualization to Intensify Instruction
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Learn about:

›› Data-based individualization
›› Intensifying and individualizing academic interventions
›› Adaptations for intensifying instruction

Intensive Intervention (Part 2):
Collecting and Analyzing Data for Data-Based Individualization
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Learn about:

›› Data-based instructional decisions
›› Collecting and analyzing progress monitoring data
›› Using data to make instructional adaptations