Why Administrators Should Support Data-Based Individualization (DBI)
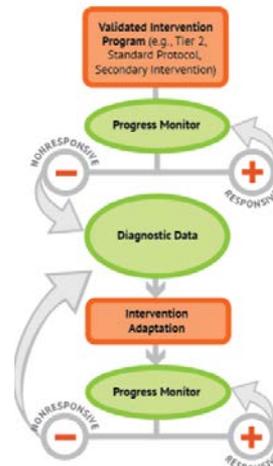
DBI is a validated process for individualizing and intensifying interventions for students with severe and persistent learning and behavioral needs.
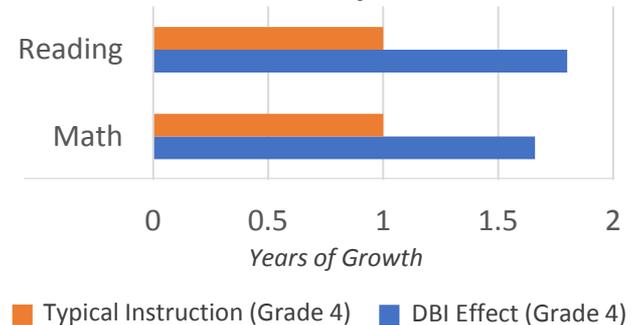
How can DBI help my school?

- **Leverages existing assessment and intervention tools**. Uses valid interventions and assessment tools currently being used in the school.

- **Integrates academics and behavior**. Assists educators in supporting students with most challenging academic and behavior needs under a single process.

- **Provides validated process for Tier 3 in a multi-tiered system of support (MTSS)**. Provides systematic procedures for implementation of Tier 3 within MTSS.

- **Aligns special education with MTSS.** Supports implementation of special education processes, from prereferral to development of individualized education programs.

Increases efficiency and effectiveness of data team meetings and decision making

Improves outcomes for K–12 students at or below the 10th percentile[a]

Years of Growth

■ Typical Instruction (Grade 4)   ■ DBI Effect (Grade 4)

In one year, 78% of students receiving intervention reached ambitious growth goals set using national norms. Thirty percent of students were exited from any kind of intervention.
—Bristol Warren Regional School District, Rhode Island

[a] Jung, P. G., McMaster, K. L., Kunkel, A. K., Shin, J., & Stecker, P. M. (2018). Effects of data-based individualization for students with intensive learning needs: A meta-analysis. *Learning Disabilities Research & Practice, 33*(3), 144–155 and growth benchmark from Scammacca, N. K., Fall, A. M., & Roberts, G. (2015). Benchmarks for expected annual academic growth for students in the bottom quartile of the normative distribution. *Journal of Research on Educational Effectiveness, 8*(3), 366–379.

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What resources are available to support the implementation of DBI?

Professional Development	Assessment & Intervention Tools	Implementation Resources
• Self-Paced Overview Module • Training Modules • Coaching Resources • Videos and Webinars	• Intervention Tools Chart • Assessment Tools Chart • Sample Lesson Plans & Activities • Graphing Tool	• Daily and Weekly Implementation Logs • Implementation Guides • Needs Assessment and Readiness Tools • DBI Fidelity Interview and Rubric • Data Meeting Tools

How can administrators support DBI implementation?

Provide leadership support and ongoing professional learning.	Focus on continuous improvement of Tiers 1 and 2 foundations.	Promote staff buy-in and student-focused data culture.	Allocate resources and staff necessary for DBI implementation.	Start small and build on successes.

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