



Essential Features of Tier 3

Tier 3 is individualized and intensive intervention designed to help students with severe and persistent academic, social, emotional, and/or behavioral needs, including students with disabilities. It is a data-driven process characterized by increased intensity and individualization of supports.

Resources:

- [National Center on Intensive Intervention](#)
- [PROGRESS Center](#)
- What is [Data-Based Individualization?](#)
- [NCII Tools Chart](#)
- Institute for Education Sciences [Practice Guide](#)
- Measuring [fidelity](#)



1. Prioritized for **3-5%** of the student population identified as most at-risk.



2. Interventions are **individualized and adapted** to address the student's data-based needs



3. Interventions are **more intensive** than Tier 2 by using the taxonomy of intervention intensity.



4. Provided by **adequately trained staff** with applicable background.



5. **Group size is optimal** and based on age and needs of students.



6. **Aligned** with Tier 1 on a case-by-case basis.



7. Ongoing **family communication** and engagement.



8. **Progress monitoring occurs weekly** followed by regular teaming.

Click [here](#) to use the Taxonomy of Intervention Intensity to individualize your interventions!

