

Using Taxonomy of Intervention Intensity Q&A

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Question:

Where is the best place to find the top-rated interventions for our grade level and subject? (Michelle G.)

Answer:

There are a number of places you can look to find information about the interventions you have or to help you select new interventions. The primary places we suggest you look are:

- 1) **National Center on Intensive Intervention tools charts:** While the tools charts do not endorse any interventions or products, they do display expert ratings of the technical rigor of assessments and interventions. You can filter your search of the chart by grade level and content area and find more information about what fits your needs.
- 2) **What Works Clearing House intervention reports:** These intervention reports summarize the effectiveness of existing intervention programs, practices, and policies to determine their effects on student outcomes. You can filter the reports based on topic area (e.g., mathematics, literacy) grade levels, and student need.

Question:

Where is the best place to find more information on how to effectively bridge the gap and support generalization for students' multiple grade levels below their peers? (Mercedes W.)

Answer:

There are a number of resources that may help you support students with intensive needs whose instructional levels are below those of their peers. The National Center on Intensive Intervention offers a number of [videos](#) discussing this topic, including the one linked here from Dr. Luann Percell. You may also want to look at the guides to [standards aligned lessons](#) within MTSS on the NCII website. Depending on your specific needs, you may also want to check out the work from other federally funded



technical assistance centers including the [Center on Response to Intervention](#), the [PBIS Center](#), and the [TIES Center](#)

Question:

I have a question about looking for evidence-based behavior interventions. My district is heavily into Second Step. When I look at the What Works Clearinghouse, it says there is not evidence that meets WWC standards. The developers of Second Step claim there are multiple studies supporting it's effectiveness. Where do I look for the best information? (Tawny R.)

Answer:

In addition to reviewing WWC for a list of research and evidence for a program, you can look on the [NCII Tools Charts](#). You can also look at the research sited from Second Step and review the studies [linked on their website](#) where the Second Step publishers have linked a number of independent studies evaluating student impact.

