Critical Elements in the RCSD Response to Intervention Framework

Elements	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
	Core Curriculum	Strategic	Intensive
Instruction	 Research-based core curriculum aligned to NYS Learning Standards Differentiated, flexible groups determined by benchmark and progress monitoring for application of skills, re-teaching, additional practice, and/or challenge activities Tier I instruction occurs daily in the general education classroom Elementary Reading: 90 minute (minimum) uninterrupted block Elementary Mathematics: 60-minute (minimum)uninterrupted block Secondary Schools: Tier 1 occurs during the regular class period. 	 Aligned to Tier 1 core curriculum Research-based instructional materials selected to match student need based on progress monitoring and other data Differentiated instruction increases in depth and intensity and is determined using benchmark and progress monitoring data Frequent opportunities for students to apply their thinking Direct, scaffolded instruction Small, homogenous groups 	 Students significantly below grade level may need an intensive intervention program aligned to Tier 1 curriculum Research-based instructional materials selected to meet individualized needs Explicit, intense, and scaffolded instruction For secondary students, a specific course may be included during which intensive intervention is provided Individual, or small homogeneous groups
Organization	Whole class grouping	 Small group instruction up to 9 students (size dependent on program/strategy recommendations) Inside general education classroom or alternate location outside of the general education classroom 	 Individualized or small group instruction (maximum 5 students; size dependent on program/strategy recommendations) Setting determined by school personnel
Frequency	In-class support as determined by progress monitoring	 Three days per week minimum 20-30 minutes per session In addition to Tier I instruction 	 Five days per week 30-60 minutes per session In addition to Tier I instruction
Duration	• 40 weeks	4-8 week intervals for up to 20 weeks*	• 6-8 week intervals up to 20 weeks *
Assessment	 Universal Screening three times per year Pre and post assessment is needed in order to plan instruction Benchmark data, progress monitoring data (1 x per month), and curriculum based measure data to inform instruction. Summative assessment is needed to determine student mastery and is one of the components for determining student grades. 	 Curriculum based measures and on-going progress monitoring to determine growth and make targeted instructional decisions Progress monitor is a minimum of every two weeks 	 Curriculum based measures, ongoing progress monitoring that provides data to address intense need Progress monitor is weekly
Parent Communication	Consistent communication with parents regarding student progress and academic needs. Parents of all students should be notified of school-wide screening results.	 Parents of students who are identified as at risk and who will be provided supplemental intervention must receive written notification, consistent with section 100.2(ii)(1)(vi) which includes: the amount and nature of data that will be used to monitor progress strategies to increase the student's rate of learning parent's right to refer the student for special education services 	 In accordance with section 100.2(II), when a student requires an intervention beyond that provided to all students an and begins receiving Tier 3 intervention, parents must be notified in writing of the: amount and nature of data that will be collected and the general education services that will be provided; strategies to increase the student's rate of learning parent's right to request an evaluation for special programs and/or services.

*Lack of responsiveness to intervention may be determined across tiers representing a total of 20 weeks.