**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.

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.

**Resources:**
- National Center on Intensive Intervention
- PROGRESS Center
- What is Data-Based Individualization?
- NCII Tools Chart
- Institute for Education Sciences Practice Guide
- Measuring fidelity

Click here to use the Taxonomy of Intervention Intensity to individualize your interventions!

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