



## **The Heritage Middle School Response To Intervention Promise to You!**

The faculty and staff of Heritage Middle School believe that any student who can or might be an independent adult someday can learn at high levels. We define high levels as high school plus. This means we ultimately want our students graduating from Heritage High School with the skills and knowledge to continue to learn. In order for our students to accomplish this, we must equip them with the essential skills needed for success in 9th grade. The most effective way for us to accomplish this is through a multi-tiered system of interventions known as Response to Intervention (RTI).

Because not all students learn the same way, at the same speed, or have the same prior skills and knowledge, it is crucial we provide a systematic process that ensures every child receives the additional time and support needed to learn at high levels. Most RTI models are represented by a three tiered pyramid. The purpose of tier 1 is to provide all students access to essential grade level curriculum and initial teaching. Essential grade level curriculum consists of those standards required for future success in later grades. The purpose of tier 2 is to provide additional support for students who need it in order to master those essential grade-level standards. These interventions must be timely, targeted, and flexible. For those students who need intensive remediation in foundational skills, the purpose of tier 3 is to provide this level of assistance without denying these students access to the essential grade level curriculum.

By maximizing our bell schedule we hope to provide our students with an effective RTI program. Tier 1 will be covered daily during four 65 minute academic blocks. Tier 2 will be accomplished during portions of the 65 minute academic blocks along with a 45 minute extended learning time (ELT) after homeroom every Tuesday through Thursday. Most students will be assigned a study hall during this ELT on Mondays and Fridays as an opportunity to finish classwork and homework, study for upcoming assessments, work on IXL, etc. Tier 3 math instruction will be accomplished during this ELT Monday through Friday. Tier 3 ELA/reading instruction will be accomplished Monday through Friday during a second 40 minute ELT at the end of the day. Students not requiring this instruction will work on Reading Plus and IXL to further advance their reading ability.