Data-Based Individualization

Data-based individualization (DBI) is a systematic method for using data to determine when and how to provide more intensive intervention. Throughout the DBI process, we use progress-monitoring data to evaluate a student’s response to intervention, moving to the next component as needed.

Five Steps to DBI
1. Validated intervention program, delivered with greater intensity
2. Progress monitoring
3. Informal diagnostic/functional assessment
4. Adaptation
5. Continued progress monitoring

Key Points to Remember
- DBI is a validated process and not a single intervention program or strategy.
- DBI is not a one-time fix. It is not a single static intervention program.

For more information about DBI, visit www.intensiveintervention.org; also, learn more about the steps in the DBI process and find relevant resources.