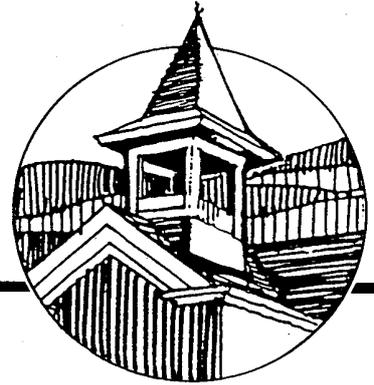


# North Lake School District

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Dear Parents,

Wisconsin's rule for identifying students with learning disabilities has changed. Beginning no later than December 1, 2013, all public school evaluations to determine if a student has a learning disability will use information from school-based intervention programs in conjunction with standardized evaluations.

This letter is to notify you that beginning on December 1, 2013, initial learning disabilities evaluations at North Lake School will use data from the student's response to intensive, research or evidence-based interventions (RTI) when making special education eligibility decisions. **This change does not impact students already placed in and receiving special education services within the district. Only new referrals initiated after December 1st will utilize the new criteria described above.**

To be compliant with the new rule and to better support student learning, the school district has developed a system of identifying and intervening with students who struggle in various areas. This process includes a screening assessment for **all North Lake students** at the beginning of each school year. North Lake utilizes the I-Ready online assessment in reading and mathematics. These results are analyzed and compiled, along with the classroom teacher's information, to determine which students would benefit from the intensive, research or evidence-based interventions to help support learning. The families of the students who will receive these interventions will be notified by staff. These interventions will be in addition to the daily instruction the students receive in the classroom. Data will be collected on the effects of the intervention. This information will be communicated to the families. Based on the results of the intervention, parents will be given information to help make educational decisions for their child.

If you have any questions, or would like to learn more about this new eligibility rule or process, please refer to our website at [www.northlakeschool.org](http://www.northlakeschool.org) or contact Liesl Ackley, Superintendent; Carrie Gahan, School Psychologist; Janine Jungbluth or Julie Westcott, Special Education Teachers; Carrie Begalke, Speech Pathologist.

Sincerely,

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