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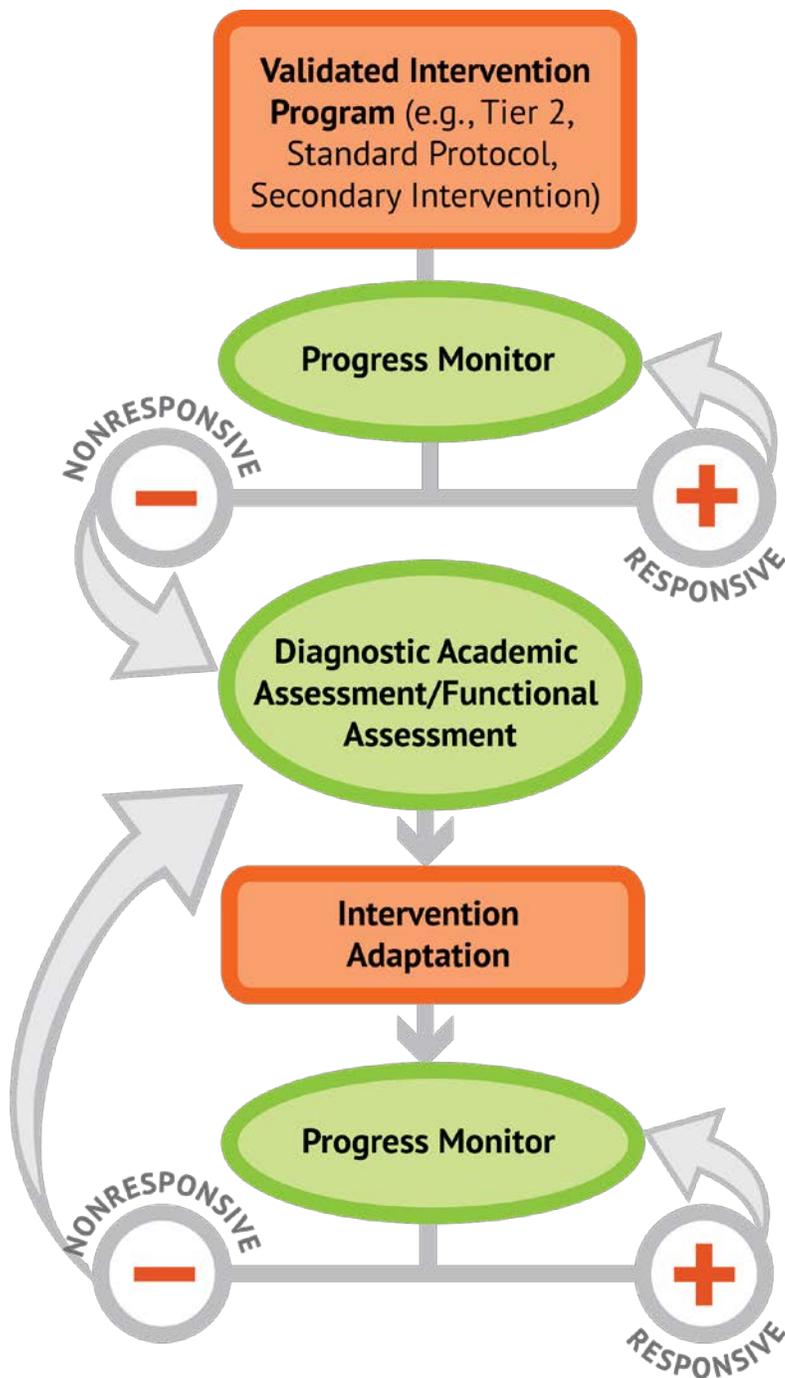U.S. Office of Special
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Introduction to Data-Based Individualization

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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.