

Journey to SOL Success

**Update on CCPS
Preparation for
SOL Testing**

**Office of Curriculum
and Instruction**

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CCPS Is a Successful School District

- Largest district in Virginia with all schools fully accredited
- Success stories abound (the Annual Report)
- Gaps remain and our work is ongoing



School Improvement Planning

- A focus on the Design for Excellence
- A continuous cycle of data analysis
 - Using the data dashboard
 - Looking at district-wide data
 - Looking at sub-group data and gaps
 - Working in PLCs as teacher learners

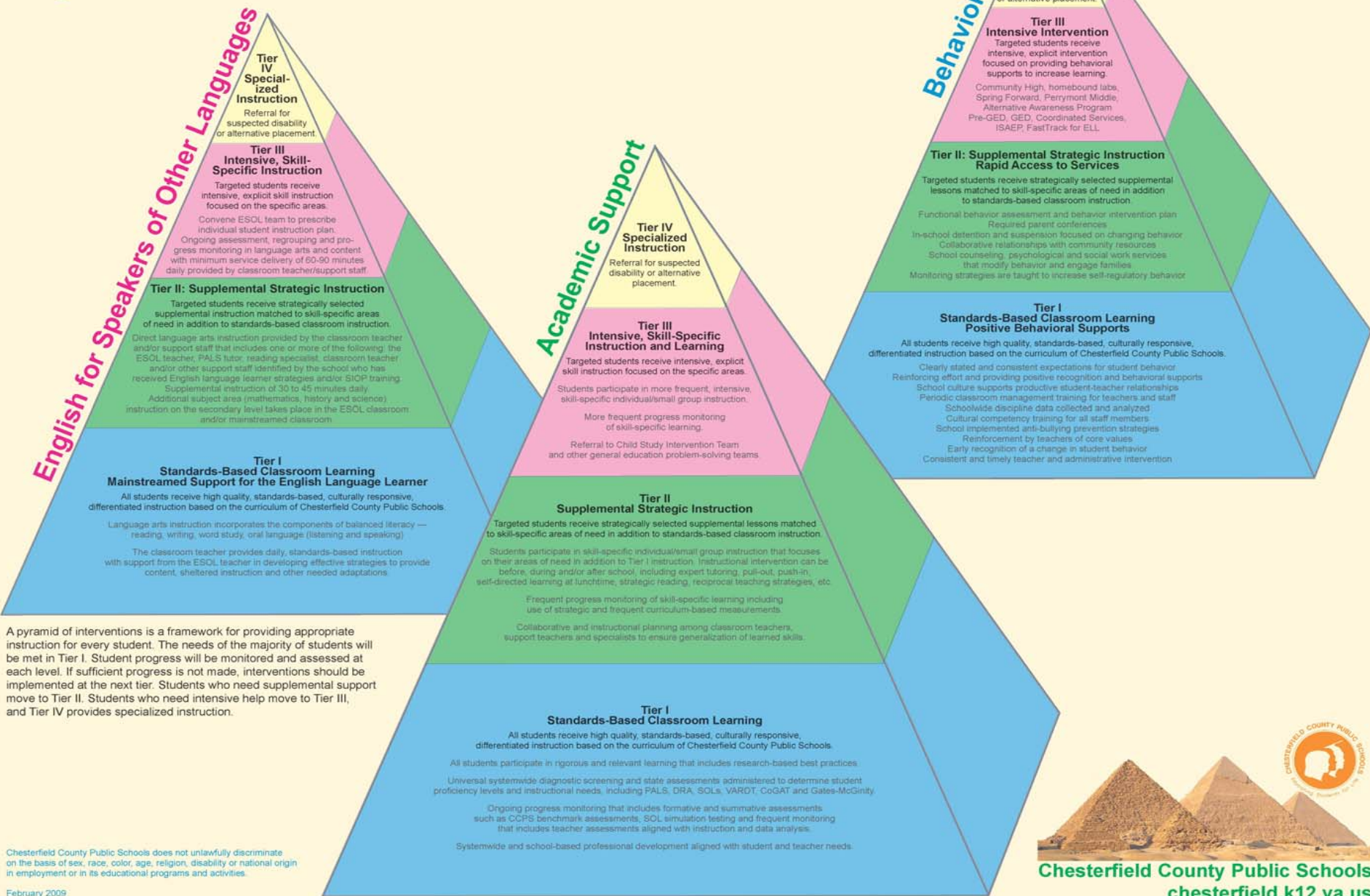


Remediation and Intervention

- Early and often
- Before and after school programs
- Tutoring and during the day remediation
- Built on teacher and parent support
- Pyramids of Interventions



Pyramids of Interventions



A pyramid of interventions is a framework for providing appropriate instruction for every student. The needs of the majority of students will be met in Tier I. Student progress will be monitored and assessed at each level. If sufficient progress is not made, interventions should be implemented at the next tier. Students who need supplemental support move to Tier II. Students who need intensive help move to Tier III, and Tier IV provides specialized instruction.

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SOL Academy



- Focused SOL remediation led by Central Office and master teaching staff
- Over 150 students passed their SOLs after attending SOL Academy this year
- Two more in the works for 2009
 - April/May (begins April 27)
 - Summer (begins June 22)

Targeted Staff Development

- County-wide professional development
 - PLCs (Professional Learning Communities)
 - Ten Squared
 - AYP challenges
- Central Office support at individual schools
- A model timeline for SOL preparation
- Powerful school based learning



Effective Technology

- Quarterly benchmark and simulation assessments
 - Central Office and school staff track the data
 - Used in PLCs
- Online testing
 - ePATS
 - SOL testing

www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Instruction/sol.html#general
- Instructional technology



Curricular Focus on SOL Success

- Curriculum that is paced and aligned with the state framework
- Success comes from focusing on
 - Best practice in the content areas
 - Every student
- It all comes down to excellent classroom teaching



What Parents Can Do

- Continue to support the work of the classroom teacher
- Review at home
- Ensure a healthy start
- Make sure your child is at school for testing--attendance is paramount!
 - May 4 – 29 online testing
 - May 11 – 15 paper testing



Questions?