

## **The Response To Instruction Program:**

Response to Instruction (RTI) is a framework for ensuring that students' academic, social-emotional, and behavioral needs are met. Rigorous implementation of RTI includes a combination of high-quality instruction, assessment, and evidence-based intervention. Comprehensive RTI implementation contributes to more meaningful identification of learning and behavioral problems, improved instructional quality, and provides all students with the best opportunities to succeed in school.

**24-hour Crisis Intervention  
Hotline 1.800.999.9999**



## **Important Dates For 2020-2021**

**August 4-6** Schedule Pick-Up  
**August 12** First Day Back  
**September 10-14**  
Suicide Awareness Week  
**October 26-30**  
Red Ribbon Week  
**November 21-25** Thanksgiving Break  
**December 21-January 4**  
Christmas Break  
**April 5-9** Spring Break  
**April 19-23** Testing Dates for ACAP  
Reading, Math, and Science  
**May 28** Last Day for Students.  
**June 1-30** Summer School Begins &  
Ends

**Gulf Shores Middle School**

**Comprehensive Guidance**

**&**

**Counseling Program**



**Commitment to Excellence**



## Gulf Shores Middle School Counselor

Wendy McIntosh Holmes is serving Gulf Shores Middle as the school counselor. This will be her seventeenth year as a counselor in the Baldwin County Schools. Before entering the field of counseling, Mrs. Holmes was a Baldwin County School Social Worker for seven years and a county social worker with the Department of Human Resources for 5 years.

Mrs. Holmes received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Auburn University in 1991. She completed her master's degree in Community Counseling at the University of South Alabama in 2001. Mrs. Holmes also currently holds licenses as a Licensed Professional Counselor and a Licensed Bachelor of Social Work in the State of Alabama. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Academic Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi Academic Honor Society, and the American Counseling Association, the Alabama Counseling Association, the NEA & AEA.

## Counseling Services

The services listed below are available to students and parents throughout the school year.

- ❖❖ Individual Student Counseling
- ❖❖ Small Group Counseling
- ❖❖ Parent Consultation/Resource
- ❖❖ Large Group Guidance Lessons
- ❖❖ Coordination of Student Assessments
- ❖❖ Crisis Intervention Services
- ❖❖ Community Resource Information
- ❖❖ Homeless Program
- ❖❖ Student Intervention/Referral for Academic, Behavioral, and /or Emotional Concerns
- ❖❖ Duke Talent Search Referral ❖❖ 504 Program
- ❖❖ Homebound Program
- ❖❖ RTI – Response to Instruction.

## Referral Process Parents

Parents may contact Mrs. Holmes through one of the following:

❖❖ 968-8719 A message can be left with the office if she is not available.

❖❖ [wholmes@gsboe.org](mailto:wholmes@gsboe.org)

❖❖ fax 967-1577

## Students

Students may speak with Mrs. Holmes in the following ways.

- ❖❖ ▪By completing a referral form and leaving it for Mrs. Holmes in her office
- ❖❖ ▪By stopping by her office after obtaining a hall pass from teacher
- ❖❖ ▪Verbal request to a teacher, staff member, principal or counselor

