Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS)

MTSS is a framework that is designed to meet the needs of the whole child through an integrated multi-level prevention system. MTSS uses team-based leadership, and data-based decision making, to meet the academic and non-academic needs of all students. A major concern for families and teachers is how to help children who experience difficulty learning in school. MTSS is a framework designed to meet the needs of the whole child at all levels of support. It is important to note that tiers are not locations; they are the levels of support that a student receives in addition to tier 1.

Universal
Targeted
Intensive & Enrichment

Questions to ask your School Team

- How is my child progressing in school?
- How is their behavior during the day?
- How is my child interacting with peers?
- What screening procedures are being used with my child?
- What specific academic, positive behavior or social-emotional instructional programs and/or interventions is the teacher using with my child?
- How is my child's progress being monitored and what data is being collected?
- How does the classroom instruction and/or interventions match my child's needs?
- At what point in the MTSS process can I request an evaluation for special education services?
- How can I be more involved in the MTSS process with my child?
- What data are used to decide whether students receive extra support?
- How can I be kept informed about the support my child will receive?
- What's the process for providing a MTSS intervention plan with families?