


Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS): A Framework for Safe and Successful Schools

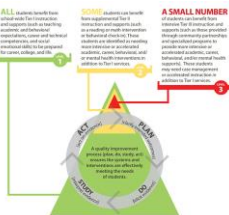


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Objectives

- Why do we need MTSS?
- What is MTSS?
- Clearing up MTSS Misconceptions
- Components of an MTSS
- Integrated Student Services



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Why do we need MTSS?

- Challenging & changing school environments (violence, mental health concerns, co-occurrence of academic, behavioral and social issues, diverse student population, low graduation rates, high chronic absenteeism rates...)
 - Nonacademic factors that impact academic success (access to food, housing, medical care, etc)
- Reactive – wait to fail– crisis driven
- Inequalities exist in terms of access to supports
- Fragmented/siloed:
 - Initiatives, efforts, departments
 - Multiple/duplicative
 - Funding
- Sparse resources – doing more with less
- Decisions based on intuition, tradition, convenience to staff

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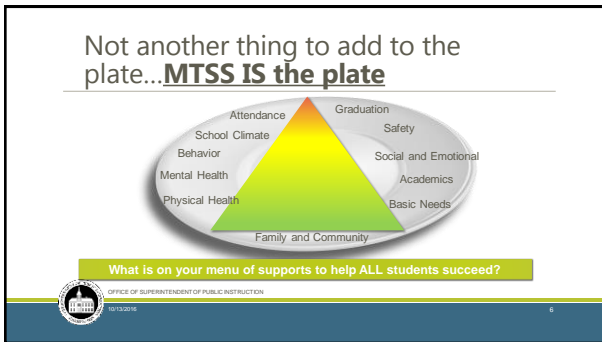
Traditional Approach	Multi-tier System of Supports Approach
Focus on students who need tier three supports (reactive)	
Wait for the need to arise for students to need intensive, individualized interventions	
Use the most amount of time and resources for the smallest number of students	
Guessing as to what the issues in the school are	
Fragmentation/Parallel systems	

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MTSS MYTHBUSTERS!

MTSS is just for behavior or MTSS is just for academics.	
MTSS is just a fad; it will go away soon.	
MTSS is just one more thing.	
MTSS costs money and takes extra time school personnel don't have.	

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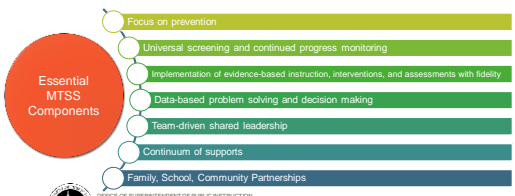




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An efficient, effective, durable, and sustainable system



Essential MTSS Components

- Focus on prevention
- Universal screening and continued progress monitoring
- Implementation of evidence-based instruction, interventions, and assessments with fidelity
- Data-based problem solving and decision making
- Team-driven shared leadership
- Continuum of supports
- Family, School, Community Partnerships

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Integrated Student Services

- Connecting home, school and community resources – increase the pool of supports for kids and families
- Child Trends Report, 2014: a rigorous independent analysis of 9 ISS models
- Integrated student supports (ISS) - a school-based approach to promoting students' academic success by securing and coordinating supports that target academic and non-academic barriers to achievement.
- 4SHB 1541 bill included the creation of the Washington Integrated Student Supports Protocol (WISSP).

The four components of WISSP:

1. Student Needs Assessment
2. Data Analysis
3. Integration and Coordination
4. Community Partnerships

Districts can use up to 5% of LAP funds to support Integrated Student Services

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An MTSS service delivery framework brings COHESION to student support services

Communication – articulate how initiatives align and fit together

Inventory and review services and supports

Problem solving mechanism

Organize partnership development (within district and community providers)

Individualize student supports

MTSS provides the framework for organizing, deploying and assessing the supports that will ensure student success by addressing the whole child through the creation of optimal learning conditions for all students.



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Focus	Stage	Description
Should we do it!	Exploration/Adoption	Decision regarding commitment to adopting the program/practices and supporting successful implementation.
Work to do it right!	Installation	Set up infrastructure so that successful implementation can take place and be supported. Establish team and data systems, conduct audit, develop plan.
	Initial Implementation	Try out the practices, work out details, learn and improve before expanding to other contexts.
Work to do it better!	Elaboration	Expand the program/practices to other locations, individuals, times- adjust from learning in initial implementation.
	Continuous Improvement/Regeneration	Make it easier, more efficient. Embed within current practices.

Resources & Contact Information

Websites:

- www.cjst.org
- <https://miblsi.org/>
- www.kansasmtss.org
- www.apbs.org

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