

MTSS Information for Parents and Families

What is Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)?

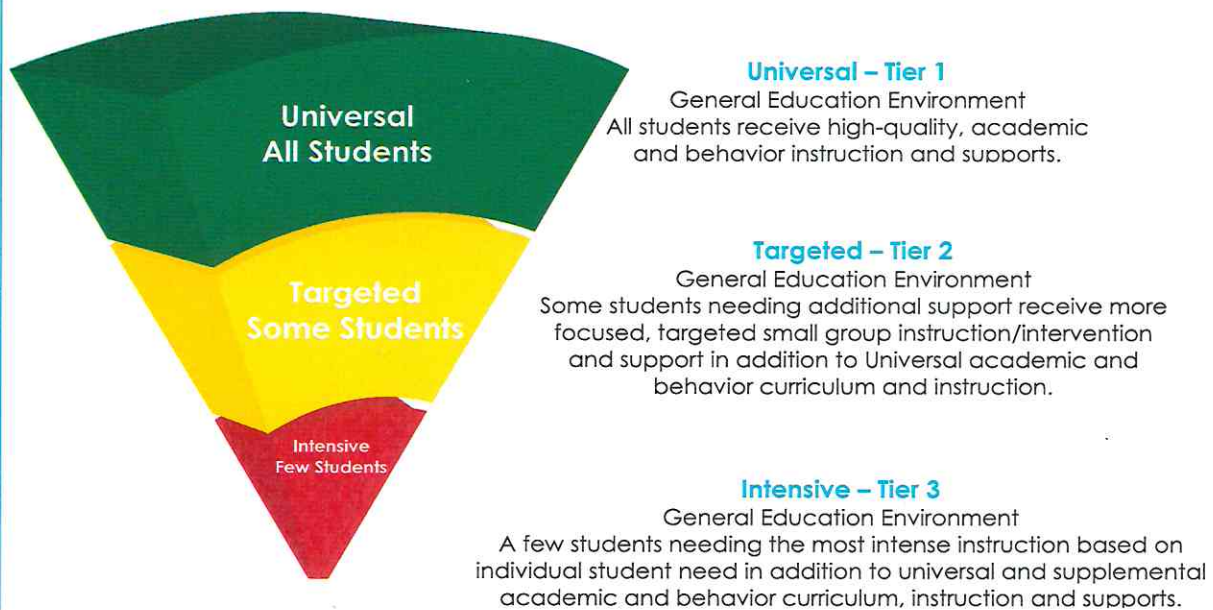
MTSS is a term used to describe a seamless prevention framework that refers to all the academic, behavioral and social-emotional strategies, interventions, supports and resources that are used to help all students grow and achieve. MTSS encompasses Response to Intervention (RtI) and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

What is Response to Intervention (RtI)?

RtI is the practice of providing high quality instruction and intervention matched to student need and close monitoring of how a student responds to different layers of instruction and support.

What are Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)?

PBIS are the methods used to identify and support desired behaviors in the school setting through the encouragement of positive behaviors school wide.



What are the benefits of MTSS?

The overall goal of MTSS is to improve educational outcomes for all students, by identifying students' needs early, and making sure students' needs do not go unmet.

MTSS focuses on using data to make decisions about adjusting teaching or providing extra supports so students do better in school. Schools use MTSS to build a system of combined instruction, intervention and support for students at varying levels of intensity, based on each student's need. MTSS is for all students.

What do I do if I believe my child is struggling?

- Participate in conferences and problem-solving meetings for your child!
- Review and assist with homework assignments and projects.
- Ask what interventions are being used for academic and/or behavioral concerns.
- Ask what techniques are being used to monitor the progress and effectiveness of the implemented interventions.
- Ask your school to provide you with regular progress monitoring reports.
- Celebrate your child's successes!

Parental Resources

This **video** for parents introduces the use of problem solving and how it may affect your child. <http://www.florida-rti.org/parentResources/videos.htm>

To review the real “truths” behind common myths of RtI and MTSS, visit the following link: <http://www.florida-rti.org/parentResources/myths/index.htm>

If you have **questions**, contact Student Support Initiatives and Recovery at 754-321-1655 or access the following links for additional information:

Broward County Public Schools
<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/32437>

Florida's MTSS
<http://www.florida-rti.org/parentresources/floridaTools.htm>



How will MTSS impact my child?

- Your child will be included in early identification of academic and/or behavioral concerns so assistance can be provided at the first signs of difficulty.
- Help for your child will increase or decrease depending on his or her needs and response.

How can I participate in MTSS?

Families play a critical role in supporting what their children are learning in school. The more parents are involved in student learning, the higher the student achievement. Ask questions to learn more about MTSS in your child's school and when things are not clear!

- Is my child successful? How do I know? If not, why and what can we do differently?
- If needed, how is additional help going to be provided? By whom? How often? For how long?
- How can I participate in problem-solving about my child?
- What can I do to help with the interventions for my child at home?
- How will I know if interventions are working?

For additional information or questions contact your student's school or Broward County Public Schools MTSS/RtI program at 754-321-1655 or email bcpsmtssrti@browardschools.com.