



Are You Prepared to Implement MTSS?

Not all students learn in the same way or at the same pace, but all students can achieve success when instruction is tailored to their personal needs. Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) help make this differentiation possible, offering educators a framework to identify students' needs and match those needs to appropriate, high-quality interventions.

Behind the long-term success of MTSS is a strong leadership team with the expertise to drive effective and sustainable implementation. Before introducing MTSS in your district or school site, make sure you've addressed the fundamentals of effective MTSS.

- Can your team differentiate MTSS from Response to Intervention (RtI)? Understanding the differences and similarities will help: build a common knowledge of MTSS, establish a shared language and build buy-in.
- Have you communicated key roles and functions clearly to all stakeholders and made a plan to support them by allocating time and resources for professional learning?
- Do you have in place evidence-based tier 1 core instruction and curriculum as well as evidence-based tiered interventions of increasing intensity?
- Have you identified your assessment system to support data-based decisions about student performance and intervention need? This includes:
 - Selecting measures for universal screening to support the early identification of students — and staff — in need of additional support.
 - Selecting measures for the progress monitoring of students participating in interventions to determine effectiveness and measure growth.
- Are there clear processes in place for evaluating whether students qualify for special education and for creating specific and rigorous IEP goals?
- Does your team have a common set of procedures for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of MTSS and providing ongoing professional learning and coaching to staff?
- Has your team completed training around best practices for MTSS design and implementation? CORE's Designing and Implementing MTSS Institute is a three-day, academics-focused course that provides school leadership teams with guidance and support in developing processes, selecting resources, communicating visions, and instituting systems critical to driving the sustainable changes needed for MTSS to positively impact student achievement. [Learn more.](#)



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