

What is MTSS?

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- **Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS):**

A coherent continuum of evidence based, system-wide practices to support a rapid response to academic and behavioral needs, with frequent data-based monitoring for instructional decision-making to empower each student to achieve to high standards.

- MTSS uses the RTI model for intervention, then provides support for factors that help make learning more effective. Behavioral and emotional interventions occur where needed. Teachers and support staff receive access to additional resources and professional development. School-wide and district-wide adjustments are considered. Partnerships form between educators, parents and the community to better provide direction for students. Proponents see MTSS as the evolution of the RTI model.

Differences RTI and MTSS

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RTI

MTSS

<i>Interventions</i>	Academic	Academic, Behavioral, Social, Emotional
<i>Target Audience</i>	Students in danger of failing or becoming designated as special education students	All students
<i>Receive Resources & Support</i>	Students in the target audience	All students, teachers and support staff
<i>Collaboration</i>	General and special educators work together on Tier 2 and Tier 3 support	Even greater focus on collaboration between general and special educators.
<i>Focus</i>	Intervention and remediation	Intervention, remediation and a stronger sense of prevention
<i>Problems Addressed</i>	Student level problems	Both student level and system level problems
<i>Intervention Universe</i>	Interventions centered within the school	Interventions centered in the school, community and in the home.

Possible Support Systems for MTSS Student Plans

- Student Assistance Program (SAP)
- Referral to School Nurse for vision and hearing screening or other health concerns
- Truancy Elimination Plan
- Utilize homeroom time (Period 5 or Kane Period) to provide additional academics
- Parent meetings to develop plan/strategies
- School Counselor Services
 - Standards Based Guidance Lessons
 - Character Counts
 - iSafe
 - Individual / Group Counseling
 - Career Exploration
- Crisis Response Support
- After School Academic Assistance Plan
- Referral to outside agencies
 - Drug and Alcohol
 - Beacon Light / Dickenson Mental Health