



## Kansas MTSS Fact Sheet

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### What is Kansas MTSS?

The Kansas Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) is a set of evidence-based practices implemented across a system to meet the needs of all learners. The Kansas MTSS builds a system of prevention, early intervention, and supports to ensure that all students are learning from the instruction. The Kansas MTSS framework establishes a system that intentionally focuses on leadership, professional development, and an empowering culture.

### Definition & Focus

Kansas MTSS is 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 Kansas student to achieve high standards.

The *focus* of Kansas MTSS is system- level change across the classroom, school, district, and state. Kansas MTSS is not mandated, but rather a choice school and district staff make to change their school environment for the benefit of students and educators in Kansas.

### Core Beliefs

- Every child learns and achieves to high standards.
- Learning includes academic and social competencies.
- Every member of the education community continues to grow, learn and reflect.
- Every leader at all levels is responsible for every student.
- Change is intentional, coherent and dynamic.

## Underlying Principles and Practices

### Integration & Sustainability

Evidence-Based Practices

Differentiated Instruction

Classroom Management

Early Intervention

Multi-Tier Model

Fluid Groups

Data-Based Decision Making

Problem Solving Process

The Kansas MTSS framework is built upon strong educational practices that should be at the center of all instruction. These basic educational practices include using evidence-based (the highest level of research available in the content area) curriculum and practices in such a way as to provide differentiated learning experiences that challenge all students. In addition to these basic practices, teachers must be effective in the delivery of instruction in order for students to attain high achievement.

### Goals

The goal of Kansas MTSS is to provide an integrated systemic approach to meeting the needs of all students and for schools to use their resources in ways that enable every child to be successful. This is accomplished by:

- Evaluating current practices to identify those that yield evidence of effectiveness; addressing areas that are missing; and replacing ineffective or inefficient approaches with those that are supported by research.
- Being prevention oriented: knowing who needs support as early as possible each year and putting those supports in place.
- Implementing evidence-based interventions for all students and tailoring interventions based on student's needs.
- Using progress monitoring data to know when to make a change in instruction.

### School Improvement & Kansas MTSS

The Kansas MTSS is an overarching framework that guides schools through a process of needs assessment and decision making that assists in not only selecting effective practices, but also creating a sustainable aligned system. Schools use an MTSS as the framework for the school improvement process to address the academic and behavioral achievement of all students.

### Access to Kansas MTSS Resources and Trainings

The Kansas MTSS website includes a wealth of information for schools and districts to utilize in preparation for or as supports for implementing the MTSS - [www.kansasmtss.org](http://www.kansasmtss.org).

The following trainings and facilitations are also available for districts and schools to access. Detailed information about each of the following is accessible at [www.kansasmtss.org](http://www.kansasmtss.org). Click on Resources tab for Training Descriptions document.

- MTSS District Facilitation
- MTSS Leadership Essentials
- MTSS Overview
- MTSS Structuring
- MTSS Implementation

A list of MTSS Trainers is also available at <http://kansasmtss.org/training.htm>

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