

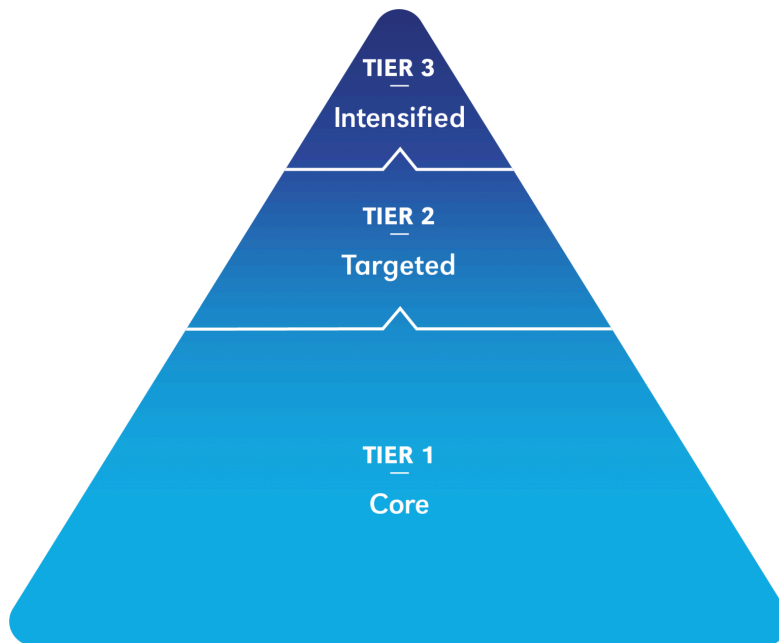


Norfolk Public Schools

# Parent Guide to MTSS

## What is MTSS?

Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) is a framework for integrating levels (or tiers) of academic and behavior support to promote the success of all students. Providing high-quality instruction and the amount of support necessary for each student to be successful is the goal. MTSS is a way of organizing instruction and intervention to help all students, not a special program or class. Another goal is to promote the early identification of students who may need additional academic or behavioral support to be successful.



## Tiered Supports

- Tier 1 Core: All students receive high-quality, core academic, social, emotional, and behavioral instruction and supports.
- Tier 2 Targeted Support: Students needing additional support receive more focused, targeted, small-group instruction/intervention and supports, in addition to core academic, social, emotional, and behavioral curriculum and instruction.
- Tier 3 Intensified Support: Individual students receive the most intense instruction based on individual student need, in addition to core and supplemental academic, social, emotional, and behavioral curriculum, instruction and supports.

## Key Components

- High quality, research-based instruction in the general education setting
- Universal screening to identify students needing supplemental support
- Multiple tiers (levels) of instruction that are progressively more intense, based on the student's response to instruction
- Evidence-based interventions matched to student need
- Ongoing progress monitoring of student performance
- Parent involvement is encouraged through the student's educational journey

## What can I expect?

- Information on my child's progress in meeting grade-level standards/expectations
- Early identification of academic or behavioral concerns
- Instruction and intervention that is matched to students needs
- Involvement in data-based problem solving for my student
- Feedback on how my student is responding to targeted interventions

## What is my role?

Parents can be involved in the process by communicating any concerns to the child's teacher, providing insight into their child's learning and development, and assisting with identified interventions at home. Research has shown that the more parents are involved in their child's education, the higher the child's achievement.