McCormick County Schools

Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports Process and Procedures

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Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)

Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) is an umbrella framework that includes Response to Intervention (RTI) for academics, behavior and social/emotional components.



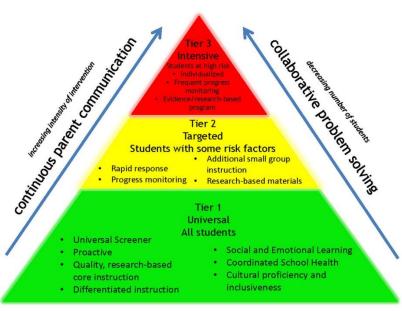
The purpose of an MTSS framework is to provide all students with the best opportunities to succeed in school, identify students with learning problems and ensure that they receive appropriate instruction and related supports. The goals of MTSS are to (a) integrate all the resources to minimize risk for the long-term negative consequences associated with poor learning due to academic, behavioral or social/emotional difficulties, and (b) strengthen the process of disability identification.

Within an MTSS framework schools use data to identify students at risk for poor learning outcomes, monitor student progress, provide evidence-based interventions, and adjust the intensity and nature of the interventions depending on a student's responsiveness.

MTSS is a general education initiative. Special education, however, is an important component of a comprehensive MTSS framework. All school staff (i.e., principal, certified staff, paraprofessionals, counselors, psychologists, etc.) should work together to implement the MTSS framework and make decisions regarding appropriate intensity of interventions for students. Movement to lesser intensive levels of the framework should be a high priority, as appropriate.

Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)

A three-tiered system is utilized that increases with intensive (how much time is designated to the intervention) and frequency of the intervention (the number of times a week the intervention is implemented).



<u>Tier 1</u>: High-Quality Classroom Instruction, Screening, and Group Interventions Tier I encompasses 80-90% of the student population. Instruction is the general education program. The general education teacher leads the Tier I instruction and support. This means that ALL students are receiving core instruction with flexible grouping and differentiation, in addition to preventive, proactive classroom management. Universal supports and interventions are employed. Screening and progress monitoring are utilized to determine instructional and behavioral needs as well as measure student progress.

Tier 2: Targeted Interventions

Tier 2 encompasses approximately 5-15% of the student population. These students have not responded to the universal interventions and differentiated instruction provided in Tier 1. These students are considered at-risk for academic, behavioral, or social emotional issues interfering with their learning. Tier 2 intervention is a strategic and targeted supplemental support. This may occur in the general education setting. The team will determine the amount of extra time that is needed, what curriculum will be taught, and what interventions and support will be implemented. The instructional materials can be drawn from the core curriculum or derived from other resources that complement it. Progress monitoring occurs more frequently

<u>Tier 3</u>: Intensive Interventions and Comprehensive Evaluation

Tier 3 encompasses approximately 1-5% of the student population. At this level, the MTSS Team will review student data including progress monitoring from previous interventions to develop a plan for

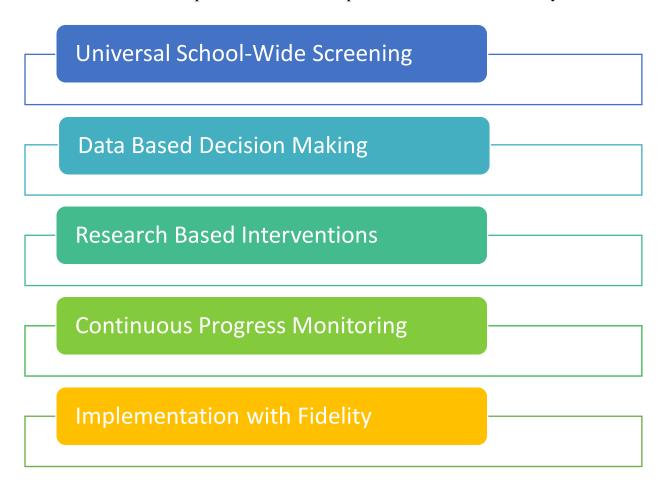
individualized, intensive interventions that target the students' skills, behavior, and/or social-emotional deficits. Progress monitoring will occur more frequently than in Tier 2 to adjust the plan as needed.

Students who do not achieve the desired level of progress in response to these targeted interventions during Tiers 2 and 3 may be referred for determination of the need for special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA 2004). The data collected during Tiers 1, 2, and 3 are included as part of the evaluation process.

What is MTSS Process?

MTSS is an educational process that provides high-quality, research-based instruction and intervention based on individual learners' academic, social, and behavioral needs which are identified through screening and progress monitoring. Using the MTSS, the school identifies students at risk for poor learning outcomes, monitors student progress, provides researched based interventions and adjusts the intensity and type of intervention depending on the student's response. This system is also used to identify students with learning disabilities.

There are five main components to the MTSS process in McCormick County Schools.



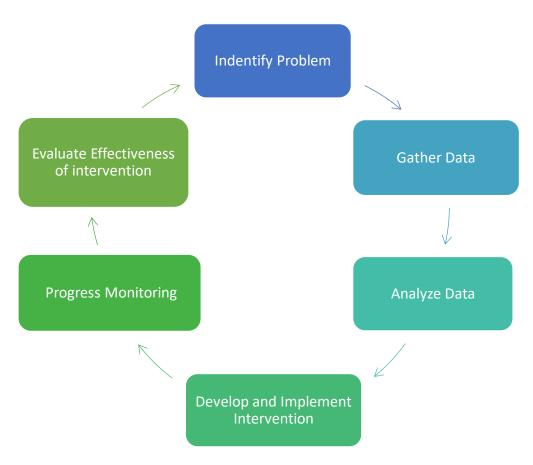
What is the Universal School Wide Screening?

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) is used as a universal screener for academics and is given three times a year (fall, winter, and spring). Data is analyzed to determine the students that are in the at-risk range. The at-risk range for reading and math is determined by analyzing normative and standards-based/criterion-referenced data at each school and each grade level.

For students experiencing social/emotional problems, teacher input, office discipline referrals, guidance referrals and the use of behavior rating scales (see appendix) are used to determine an at-risk range in the area of behavior.

What is Data Based Decision Making?

Data is used to make decisions regarding a student's progress and needs. The data (MAP, statewide testing, FastBridge, Social Developmental History, Observations and other information) is collected and reviewed by the school team. The team will and the next steps regarding intervention implementation is made.



What are Researched Based Interventions?

For an intervention to be research based, valid research and studies have been completed to determine if the intervention works for the targeted population. The Pre-Referral Intervention manual contains interventions that are researched-based, as well as: What Works Clearinghouse (http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/), Intervention Central (www.interventioncentral.com), Best Evidence Encyclopedia (www.bestevidence.org), and National Center for Intensive Intervention (www.intensiveintervention.org). McCormick County School District also utilizes the Fountas and Pinnell leveled literacy intervention, System 44/Read 180, and Odysseyware Learning.

What is the Continuous Progress Monitoring?

Progress is monitored frequently (weekly or bi-weekly) to determine a student's response to intervention and to give timely feedback and support to quickly adjust the intervention plan as needed. The use of frequent and ongoing progress monitoring results in more efficient and better targeted instructional techniques and goals, which together, move all students to improved learning outcomes. Curriculum-based measurement (CBM) is the tool used to frequently monitor each child's progress. This data is easily graphed, and the team can make determinations if the child's intervention needs to be adjusted. Progress monitoring is done in the area of the child's deficiency (reading, writing, math, behavior). McCormick School District uses FastBridge and DIBELS as progress monitoring tools. Teachers may also use reading and math probes as monitoring tools.

What is Implementation with Fidelity?

Fidelity of implementation is the delivery of instruction in the exact way it was designed to be delivered (Gresham, MacMillan, Boebe-Frankenberger, & Bocian, 2000). Fidelity must also address the integrity with which screening and progress-monitoring procedures are completed so that an explicit decision-making model is followed. Fidelity is important at both the school level (e.g., implementation of the process) and the teacher level (e.g., implementation of instruction and progress monitoring).

How can schools ensure fidelity of implementation? (NRCLD 2006)

- Link interventions to improved outcomes (credibility)
- Definitively describe operations, techniques, and components
- Clearly define responsibilities of specific persons
- Create a data system for measuring operations, techniques, and components
- Create a system for feedback and decision making (formative)
- Create accountability measures for non-compliance

Who is on the MTSS School Team?

The MTSS School Team is made up of at least three team members. The following is a list of potential members of the team.

- -Principal or Assistant Principal
- -Academic Coach
- -Interventionist
- -Classroom Teacher
- -Counselor
- -School Psychologist
- -Parent

Procedures

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) is used as a universal screener and is given three times a year (fall, winter, and spring). Upon receiving results of the fall scores, the MTSS Team reviews scores to gather a combination of normative and criterion-based data to determine the most deficit scores/deficient skills in need of intervention. For students selected to receive intervention, the MTSS Chairperson sends the **Parent Notification Letter (RTI-1)** so parents will know about the RTI process and their child's participation.

<u>Tier 1</u>- A student is identified as at-risk based on teacher input and MAP data. On the universal screener (MAP), at-risk is determined at each school by the MTSS team analyzing normative and criterion-based data. Students selected for Tier 1 intervention begin to receive supplemental instruction within the general education classroom for 6 weeks. A description of this additional instruction, as well as the progress monitoring results, is documented on **RTI/MTSS Referral**Form (RTI-2) by the classroom teacher. The classroom teacher submits the completed form to the MTSS Chairperson. Once this form is received, the MTSS Chairperson will schedule an RTI meeting with appropriate school staff and the student's parent using **Parent Invitation (RTI-11)**. At this meeting, the team will review/discuss the student's progress by analyzing Tier 1 data. There is a possibility of three different outcomes:

- Redesign intervention and re-implement intervention within Tier 1;
- Continue in Tier I due to intervention success;
- Move to Tier 2.

<u>Tier 2</u>- The MTSS team collects and reviews data to develop a plan for additional instruction and/or interventions. The team determines the specific skills for which the student needs additional intervention based on information obtained in the RTI-1 form. Interventions can vary greatly and can be provided within the classroom or outside the classroom. Interventions should occur at least 3 times a week for 30 minutes for six to nine weeks. The classroom teacher or another trained professional may provide the intervention. Progress monitoring occurs every two weeks and the classroom teacher (or trained professional) completes **Documentation of Tier 2 Intervention** (**RTI-3**) and submits it to the MTSS Chairperson. The MTSS Chairperson will schedule a meeting with appropriate school staff and the student's parent using **Parent Invitation** (**RTI-11**). The team reviews and discusses the progress monitoring data from Tier 2. There is a possibility of three different outcomes:

- Continue with current Tier 2 intervention or redesign a different Tier 2 intervention;
- Move back to Tier 1 due to intervention success:
- Move to Tier 3.

<u>Tier 3</u>- Tier 3 is characterized by more individualized and intense intervention for students who still have difficulty mastering skills after Tier 1 and Tier 2 interventions. At Tier 3, students receive 60 minutes of intervention daily. The intervention takes place in a small group (no more than 3) or one-on-one. Progress monitoring data should be taken weekly for students receiving a Tier 3 intervention. After six to nine weeks of intervention, the classroom teacher or other designated interventionist completes the **Documentation of Tier 3 Intervention (RTI-4)** and submits it to the

MTSS Chairperson. The MTSS Chairperson schedules a meeting with appropriate school staff and the student's parent using **Parent Invitation** (**RTI-11**) to review and discuss the Tier 3 data. There is a possibility of three different outcomes:

- Continue with current Tier 3 intervention or redesign a different Tier 3 intervention;
- Move back to Tier 2 due to intervention success:
- Refer the student for evaluation and possible placement in special education.

If the decision is made to pursue an evaluation for special education, the students' parents complete the following:

- Parent Permission for Screening (RTI-5);
- Social Developmental History Form (RTI-6).

Once the MTSS Chairperson has received parental consent for screening, the following screenings will be completed by appropriate school staff:

- Vision Screening (RTI-7) completed by school nurse;
- Hearing Screening (RTI-8) completed by school nurse;
- Speech-Language Screening (RTI-9) completed by speech-language therapist.
- See **Appendix** for any other Academic/Behavioral Screenings recommended by the MTSS Team to be completed by teacher/parent/student as needed.

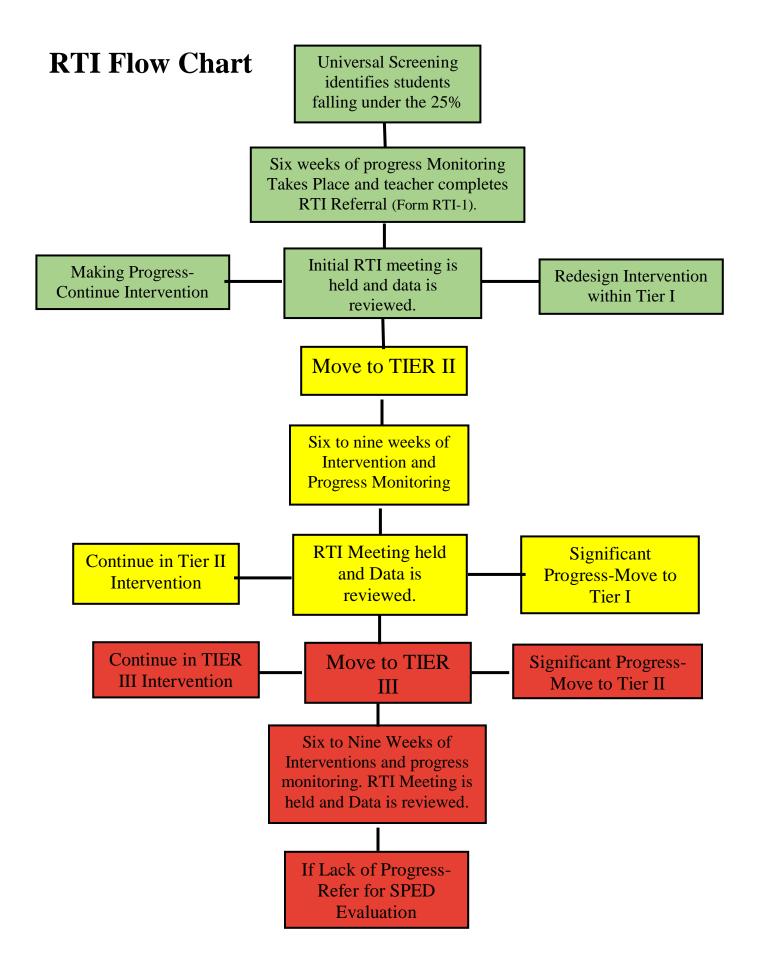
In addition to the screenings identified above, the MTSS Chairperson will ensure that a **Classroom Observation (RTI-10)** is completed by the classroom teacher and one other school official (counselor, academic coach, administrator, etc.).

Before submitting the RTI/MTSS forms to the Office of Special Services, the MTSS Chairperson will also collect the following items that are necessary for the referral process:

- Student Writing Sample (provided by classroom teacher);
- Report Grades (printed from PowerSchool);
- Current Student Demographics (printed from PowerSchool);
- District/State Testing Results;
- Rating Scales (ED/ADHD referrals);
- Medical Form (provided by the parent);
- Referral Checklist (completed/signed by MTSS Chairperson).

Table of Forms

RTI Flow C	Chart
Forms RTI-1	Parent Notification Letter
RTI-2	RTI/MTSS Referral Form/Tier 1
RTI-3	Tier 2 Documentation of Intervention
RTI-4	Tier 3 Documentation of Intervention
RTI-5	Parent Permission for Screening
RTI-6	Social and Developmental History
RTI-7	Vision Screening
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RTI-10	Classroom Observation
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	ecklist (Pre-School 3-5
Referral Che	ecklist (K-12)



Parent Notification Letter

for Response to Intervention (RTI)

Dear Parent,

McCormick County Schools follows the Response to Intervention model which is an approach to teaching that uses data to determine appropriate interventions for at-risk students.

Response to Intervention integrates progress monitoring and interventions within a multilevel prevention system aimed at increasing student achievement and reducing behavior problems. Using RTI, the school identifies students at risk for poor learning outcomes, monitors student progress, provides researched based interventions and adjusts the intensity and type of intervention depending on the student's response. This system is also used to identify students with learning disabilities.

RTI enables teachers and interventionist to work with students who need some assistance in order to be more successful during their school day. This notification is to inform you that we will be working with your child in Reading and/or Math. The academic need was noted when reviewing your child's Measures of Academic Achievement (MAP) scores, as well as input from your child's teacher.

We will continue to monitor student progress on a regular basis in order to ensure student success. These results will be available for you to review at any time. Please contact your child's teacher or MTSS Chairperson, if you have any further questions regarding the RTI process, or for suggestions about what you can do at home to help your child make gains to meet grade level expectations.

Sincerely,

RTI/MTSS Chairperson

RTI/MTSS Referral Form

Student Nan	ne					DOB			
Teacher Nan	ne					Grade			
Has the student	t been reta	ainec	d? Yes No	0					
UNIVERSAL	SCREE	NIN(<u>G (current so</u>	chool y	<u>ear)</u>				
	Fall (score	/perc	ent)	Winte	er (scor	e/percent)	Spi	ring (score/p	ercent)
DATA									
Reading									
Math CE VE	DDAT	\ (la	at ask asl was)					
END OF YEAR					DACC	Science		PASS Soc	ial Ctudias
SC READY R	Reading	SC	READY Mat	Ш	PASS	Science		PASS 500	iai Studies
REFERRAL (CONCER	N٠	(Circle all tha	t annly)				
Basic Reading	CONCE		ading Compre			Reading Flue	encv	Writter	n Expression
Oral Expressio	n		stening Comp			Articulation	, 11 0 j	Behavi	-
Math Reasonin			th Calculation			Other:			
TIER 1 INTE	RVENTI	ON((S):						
Area of Conce	`		Classroom Int	erventi	ion/Dif	ferentiation			
areas that are cir	cled above)							
PROGRESS N	MONITO	RIN	NG DATA: (6	weeks	of dat	a collection)		
Probe	Date/Sc		Date/Score	Date/S		Date/Score		Date/Score	Date/Score

TIER 2: Intervention Documentation and Progress Monitoring

Area of Intervention: (Circle One)

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Intervention</u>	<u>CBM</u> Probe
WEEK 1			
WEEK 2			
WEEK 3			
WEEK 4			
WEEK 5			
WEEK 6			
WEEK 7			

TIER 3: Intervention Documentation and Progress Monitoring

Area of Intervention: (Circle One)

Basic Reading Reading Comprehension Written Expression Reading Fluency
Oral Expression Listening Comprehension Articulation Math Reasoning
Math Calculation Behavior Other:

	<u>Date</u>	Intervention	CBM Probe
WEEK 1			
WEEK 2			
WEEK 3			
WEEK 4			

TIER 3: Intervention Documentation and Progress Monitoring

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Intervention</u>	CBM Probe
WEEK 5			
WEEK 6			
WEEK 7			
WEEK			
WEEK 8			

Parent Permission for Screening

Student:		
Teacher:	School:	Grade:
Dear		
following areas due to difficul		n recommended for screenings in the ssroom. You should have previously been broom performance.
VisionHearingSpeech/Language	ObservationReview of RecBehavior	cords
These results will be shared w	by a school nurse, speech/language prith you when screenings are complete ase feel free to contact me at	
Sincerely,		
RTI/MTSS Chairperson		><
	Parent to Complete this Se	ection
No, I do not give permi	on for my child to be given the screen ssion for my child to be given the screen	eenings listed above.
Yes, I have been contac	eted by my child's classroom teacher	regarding his/her classroom performance. her regarding his/her classroom performance
Parent Signature / Date		

<u>PARENT</u>: PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER.

*TEACHER RETURNS THIS SECTION TO MTSS CHAIRPERSON.

Social Developmental History

Student Name:			D	OB:	
Grade:	Teacher:			Sex:	Race:
Student resides with:			Re	lationship:	
Mailing Address:					
Home phone number:					
Other contact number:			Conta	ct's name:	
Mother's name:			Empl	oyer:	
Father's name:		_ _	Emplo	oyer:	
Names/ages of brothers/sist	ers:				
<u>Name</u>		Age	<u>Sex</u>	School	Living at hom
					Yes No
					Yes No
Other persons who are curre	ently living in th	e hom	e:		
<u>Name</u>	,	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	
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What is the primary language	ge spoken in the	home	?		
What is the student's prima	ry language?				
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Educational History					
Please list schools the stude	ent has attended:				
Name of School	Loca	tion/ac	dress	Grade(s)	Date(s)
Has the student been retained	ed? If yes	, what	grade	(s)?	
School where retained:					

Has the student had previous Intervention Team involvement?
If yes, when? Where?
Has the student had previous psycho-educational testing? If yes, When? Where?
Are the results available? Yes (please attach a copy) No
Does the student have a history of a Section 504 Plan? Yes (please attach a copy) No
Has the student ever been enrolled in a special education program? Yes No If yes, describe:
Developmental History/Information: Where there any maternal health problems during pregnancy? Yes No If yes, describe:
Was the baby premature? Yes No If yes, number of weeks:
Were there any unusual circumstances or problems during pregnancy or delivery? Yes N If yes, describe:
Did the baby have any problems immediately after birth (1st two weeks)? Yes No If yes, describe:
Was baby diagnosed with any diseases/disabilities during the first two years of life? YesN If yes, describe:
Please give approximate ages for the following major developmental milestones: Crawling: Walking: Feeding self: Single words: Put words together: Toilet trained:
Health/Medical History: Has the student ever had any serious illnesses? If yes, when? Describe:
Has the student ever had any serious accidents/head injuries? If yes, when?

Has the student ever had seizures?	If yes, when:	Currently?
Has the student ever been hospitalized?	If yes, when?	Describe:
Has the student ever had surgery?	If yes, when?	Describe:
Does the student have frequent illnesses? If		
Does the student have allergies?		
Does the student carry any medical diagnos	is? If yes, des	cribe:
Who is the diagnosing physician?		
Location:		
Does the student take any routine medication	ons?	
If yes, describe:		
Who is the prescribing physician?		
Location:		
Does the student have any physical limit	ations/disabilities?	
If yes, describe:		
Does the student wear glasses?	Contact lenses?	Hearing aids?
How would you describe the student's c	urrent state of health?	

Parent/Guardian Observations:

Is the student involved with any private or public service agencies (DSS, DMH, private etc.)? If yes, describe:	
Does the student have daily chores or responsibilities? If yes, describe:	
Does the student enjoy active games/sports/outside activities? If yes, describe:	
What are some of the student's favorite indoor activities?	
Is the student involved in church/community activities? If yes, describe:	
Does the student appear to enjoy school?	
How would you describe the student's study habits:	
What are the student's strengths?	
What are the student's weaknesses?	
How would you describe the student's ability to learn? Average Above Average	Below Average
How would you describe the student's effort to learn? Average Above Average	Below Average
Have you noticed any recent changes in the student's level of interest or effort in school If yes, describe:	[?
This information will serve as documentation of parental input to the evaluation planning process.	<u>;</u>
Parent/Guardian Signature	

Vision Screening

					Age: _	Gr	ade:	
Evaluat	tor:		Т	eacher:		Date:		
Vision S	Screening 2	Results						
	Snellen	Letter						
	Symbol	l Chart						
]	No Glasses	S	W	ith Glass	ses			
R	L	В	R	L	В	Pass	Fail	
		•	•		screening. sion scree	ening. We	will retes	
	Your ch	nild did n	ot pass to	oday's vi	sion scree	ning. Plea	se follow	

Hearing Screening

Name:		Age:	Grade:	
Evaluator:	Tea	acher:	Date:	
Hearing Screenin	g Results (Pure T	Cones)		
Frequency (Hz)	1000 Hz	2000 Hz	4000 Hz	
Right Ear at				
20 Decibels	Pass	Pass	Pass	
	Fail	Fail	Fail	
Left Ear at				
20 Decibels	Pass	Pass	Pass	
	Fail	Fail	Fail	
	-	·	g. eening. We will rete	st in a
	hild did not pass to ry care provider o	•	eening. Please follow	w-up with
Comments:				

Speech and Language Screening

Name:	Age	: Grade:
Evaluator:	Teacher:	Date:
Area Articulation	<u>Circle One</u> Pass/Fail	Recommendation
Fluency	Pass/Fail	- <u></u>
Voice	Pass/Fail	
Expressive	Pass/Fail	
Receptive	Pass/Fail	
Check the appropriate item b	ased on screening res	<u>ults</u> :
Refer to TIER II Inter	vention (attach interv	vention information for teacher)
No further action nee	ded	
Rescreen by		

RTI-10

Classroom Observation Form

	DOB	
ssroom Teacher	Observed by	
te and Time	Location	
*Please	check one in each category	
Subject Area	Structure	
Reading	Large Group	
Math	Small Group	
Science	Individual	
Social Studies		
Related Arts		
Other		
2. Describe the student's performa a. Attending to the lesson/ac		
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a. Attending to the lesson/ac	etivity:	
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с.	Has appropriate materials needed to participate and is using them appropriately (if student does not have appropriate materials, were they provided so the student could participate?):
d.	Did student participate by asking and answering questions and making relevant/appropriate comments?
e.	Student's level of distractibility (was the student paying attention; if not what was the student doing?)
<u></u>	
f.	Interactions with peers and teacher:
g.	Following transition directions (how did the student react to transition between activities; did he or she follow directions during transitions?)
<u></u>	

Parent Invitation

Response to Intervention (RTI) Team Meeting

	Today's Date:
Student's Name:	
Dear Parent,	
We will be holding an RTI meeting on	n at (date) (time)
at to represent to the progress. You are invited to this meets when determining interventions that we have the progress of the progres	review your child's academic or behavioral sting because you input is highly valuable will best fit your child's needs. If you cannot e at
Sincerely,	
MTSS Chairperson	

APPENDIX



Teacher Rating Scale Soc Aca Emo Beh Risk Screen.pdf



ADHD-TeacherRatingScale.pdf



PreSchool Behavior Rating Scale.pdf



Developmental-Checklist-for-Preschoolers.pdf

Special Services Department Referral Checklist for Pre-School (3-5)

Student:	School:	A	\ge:
Suspected Disability Area:			
Date Referral Packet Submitted to	Special Services:		
Procedure	Person Responsible	Needed For	Completed
RTI/MTSS Tier 1 Referral (RTI-2)	Lead Teacher	All	
Parental Permission/Screen (RTI-5)) Lead Teacher	All	
Social/Developmental History (RTI	-6) Lead Teacher	All	
V/H/Speech Screenings (RTI 7,8,&	9) Nurse/Speech	All	
Classroom Observation (RTI-10)	Teacher/Lead Teacher	All	
Developmental Checklist	Teacher/Parent		
Classroom Teacher Statement	Teacher(s)	All	
Student Work Samples (drawings, worksheets)	Teacher	All	
DIAL-3	Teacher/Interventionist	All	
Rating Scales (as needed)	Teacher/Parent	Social/Emotiona	I 🗌
Medical Forms (as needed)	Parent	Health/Medical	
Other Relevant Information	Teacher/Interventionist Parent /Speech	All	
Referral is Complete	LC Lead Teacher	All	

Special Services Department

Referral Checklist K-12

Student:	School:		_ Grade:	
Suspected Disability Area:				
Date Referral Packet Submitted to Special Services:				
Procedure	Person Responsible	Needed For	Completed	
Parental Notification (RTI-1)	MTSS Chair	All		
RTI/MTSS Tier 1 Referral (RTI-2)	MTSS Chair	All		
RTI Data Tiers 2 – 3 (RTI-3 & 4)	MTSS Chair	All		
Parent Permission/Screen (RTI-5)	MTSS Chair	All		
Social/Developmental History (RTI	-6) MTSS Chair	All		
V/H/Speech Screenings (RTI-7, 8, 8	& 9) Nurse/SPL Therapist	All		
Classroom Observations (RTI-10) (at least 2)	Guidance, MTSS Literacy Coach, or Admir	All n.		
Student Writing Sample	Teacher	All		
Report Card Grades	MTSS Chair	All		
Current PowerSchool Demographi	cs MTSS Chair	All		
District/State Test Scores	MTSS Chair	All		
Rating Scales (As needed)	Teacher/Parent/Student	ED/ADHD		
Medical Forms (As needed)	Parent	OH/OHI		
Referral is Complete	MTSS Chair	All		

