

MTSS Implementation Checklist

Phase 1: Plan for Success

Assess, Plan, and Prepare

Activities at the phase may include conducting needs assessments, identifying priorities, establishing a vision for MTSS, inventorying resources, developing implementation and evaluation plans, and selecting valid assessments and evidence-based intervention.

Phase 2: Implement

Implement and Monitor

Monitoring fidelity of **implementation** is critical at this phase and teams should identify and address barriers to implementation through regular teaming and problem solving. Ongoing professional learning focuses on improving staff's use of data, increasing quality of instruction, and refining **implementation fidelity** of the four essential components which are:

- Screening
- Progress Monitoring
- Multi-level Prevention
- Data-based Decision Making

Phase 3: Sustain and Expand

An easier approach... Maintain and Improve

The focus of these activities is to **improve** the efficacy and efficiency of MTSS implementation while addressing the **evolving needs** of staff, students, state, and federal demands. It is important that teams focus on **sustaining** and **expanding** MTSS implementation through ongoing data analyses and stakeholder engagement.

The information on this MTSS Checklist is based on the three phases from the Center on Multi-tiered Systems of Support (2025). For more information please visit <https://mtss4success.org>.