



# A Parents' Guide to a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)

(formerly known as Response to Intervention)

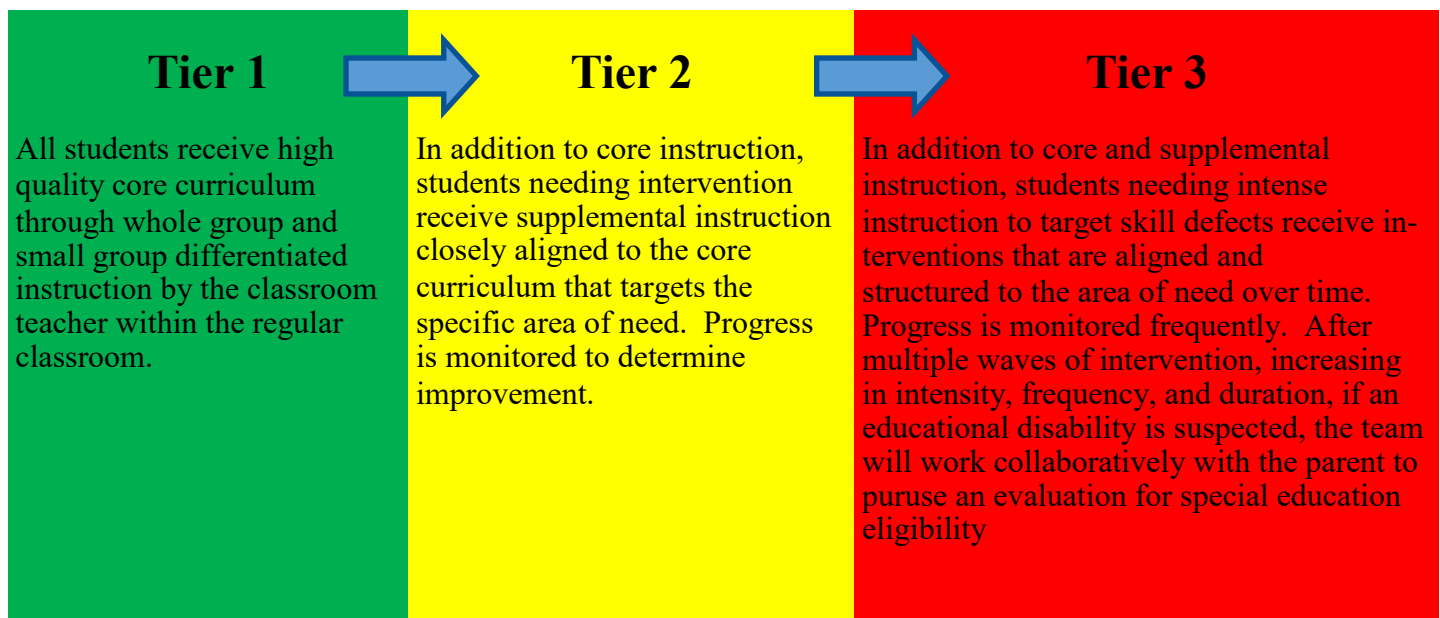
**Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)** formerly Response to Intervention (RtI) is a multi-tiered instructional framework aimed at improving outcomes for ALL students.

**MTSS** allows schools to:

- Identify students at risk for not meeting grade level outcomes
- Provide evidence-based interventions
- Monitor progress toward grade level outcomes
- Adjust the intensity and nature of those interventions based on how a student responds to instruction and intervention

Like any successful school initiative, parents play a critical role in MTSS. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher, school counselor or principal.

## MTSS Process:



### Key Terms in MTSS:

#### Core Curriculum

Instruction provided to every student to meet Ohio's Academic Content Standards.

#### Universal Screening

Periodic assessments given to all students in grade level to monitor student growth and respond to student needs.

#### Research Based Intervention

Structured supplement to core grade level instruction to respond to student needs using validated strategies

#### Tiered Instruction

Within the MTSS framework are several tiers, or levels, of instruction. General education is referred to as Tier 1. Additional tiers use increasingly intense levels of instruction.

#### Progress Monitoring

Brief frequent assessments of specific skills to ensure progress as a result of intervention.

#### Data Based Decision Making

Using data from established assessment, observation and interviews for instructional decisions.