AZ MULTI-TIER SYSTEM OF SUPPORTS (MTSS)

FACT SHEET

MTSS IS...

✓ An instructional system with a tiered infrastructure that uses data to help match academic and social emotional supports to address the needs of the whole child.
✓ Uses Universal Design for Learning, differentiation, and integrated academic, social-emotional, and behavioral supports at all levels.
✓ A proactive, responsive, and equitable system of support.
✓ The use of a set of evidence-based practices and procedures in curriculum, instruction, and assessment.
✓ Whole system engagement and integrated use of all adults and resources.

MTSS IS NOT...

× Just help with academics or an extra class period
× Just behavior supports.
× The job of a few specialists.
× Intervention in place of the core curriculum.
× A buffet for staff to choose what pieces they would like to implement and if they would like to implement.
× The process for the determination of eligibility for entitlement programs (special education, ELL, gifted, etc.).
× Something that is done to students.

TEACHER TRAINING IN MTSS CAN HELP SCHOOLS...

• Assess the needs of all students, not just those who are outwardly struggling.
• Monitor student progress data and use this data to make decisions.
• Address the underlying academic or social-emotional needs of students.

UNIVERSAL SUPPORT
Highly effective core academic instruction and social-emotional learning

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT
Small group evidence-based academic instruction and social-emotional learning

INTENSIFIED SUPPORT
Individualized, high intensity evidence-based academic instruction and social-emotional learning