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RTI & MTSS

What is RTI?

The RTI educational framework defines three tiers of support and instruction designed to help every student find success.



Approximately 1–10% of students receive instruction in Tier III at the top of the pyramid, where the focus is on intensive intervention for individual students.

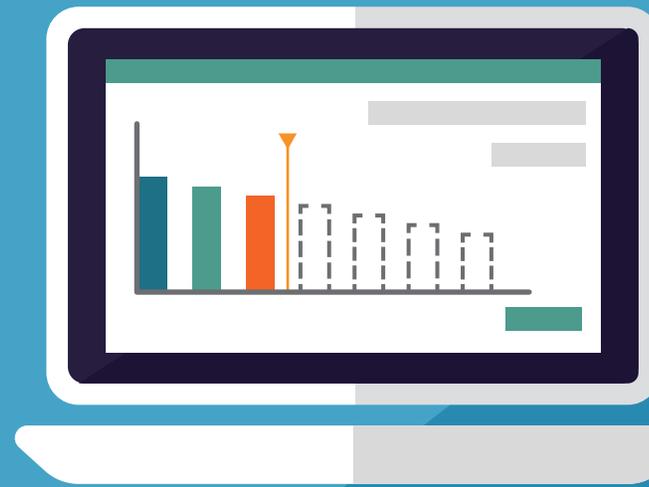
About 10–15% of students also receive instruction in Tier II, where the focus is on targeted intervention and supplemental support for small groups of students.

Typically 80–90% of students stay at the base of the pyramid, Tier I, which provides high-quality core instruction for whole groups of students.

The Goal of RTI

The RTI process was initially put forward as a way to identify students with learning disabilities early on, rather than waiting for them to fail or fall behind.

Since then, however, RTI has expanded beyond the special education field to help provide high-quality instruction and address problems early on with students who show signs of academic weakness. This requires in-depth progress monitoring data that helps educators differentiate instruction and make important instructional decisions.



What is MTSS?

The MTSS framework actually includes all the components of RTI in its structure.

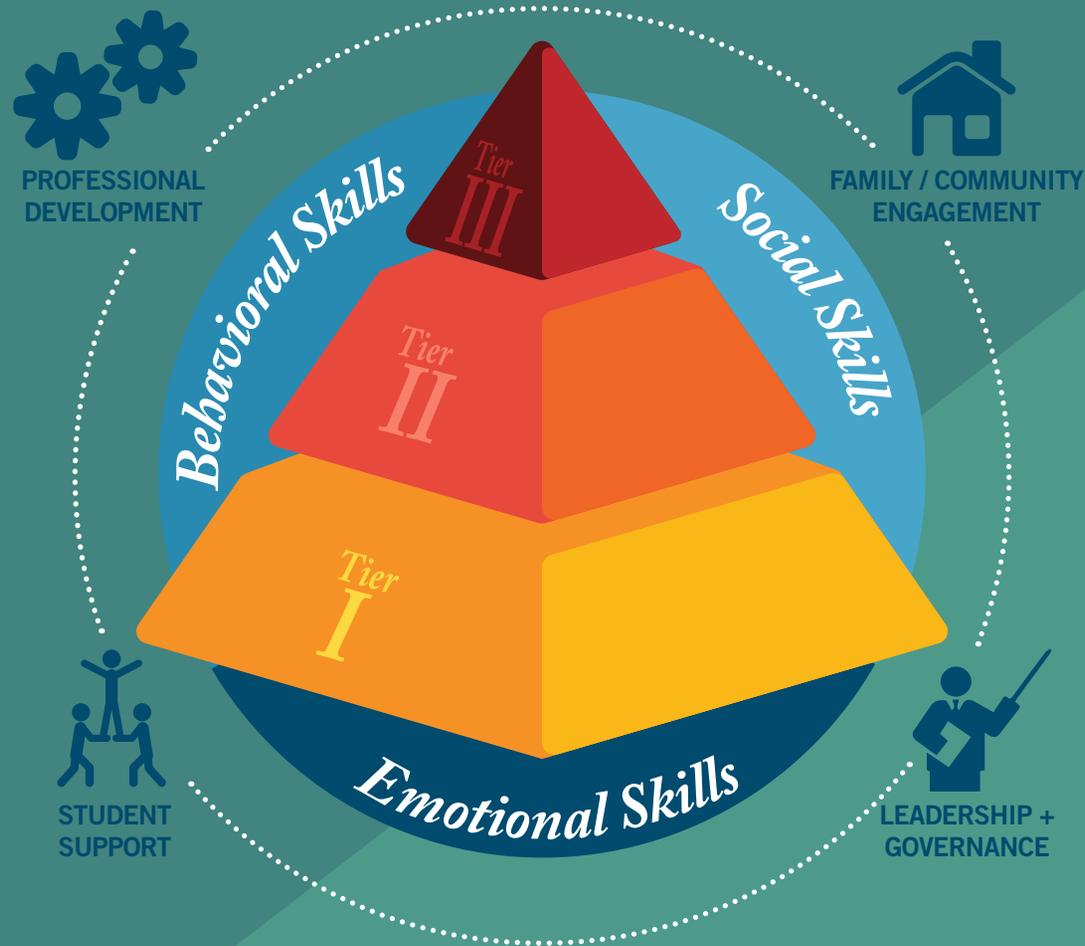
What makes it different and slightly more comprehensive than RTI by itself is that it not only addresses the same academic weaknesses RTI does, but it also addresses the behavioral, social, and emotional development of students from early childhood to graduation.



What is MTSS? (cont'd)

When schools implement the MTSS framework, it's usually because they're trying to tackle behavioral and academic issues at the same time, which often go hand in hand. For instance, a student who doesn't understand what's being taught is more likely to act out, while a student who is already dealing with behavioral problems in the first place will likely have a hard time focusing on schoolwork.





The Goal of MTSS

The broadened goal of MTSS focuses on more than just academics and detailed data. It also focuses on providing multiple levels of support for students as well as resources and support for teachers and other staff who are delivering the instruction. Therefore, collaboration between teachers, administrators, district personnel, student support specialists, and other school leaders is absolutely necessary for the MTSS framework to work.