



# Special Education Operating Procedures

South San Antonio Independent School District

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## **MULTI-TIERED SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT (MTSS)**

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support is a framework that focuses on intervention best practices within the areas of academics, behavior, social/emotional supports for the whole student.

Tiers are based on the needs of students and increase the level of support provided as the student moves from classroom wide target to intense intervention.

### **MTSS Tier 1**

Tier 1 represents a universal approach to ensure all students experience a safe, supportive environment and receive high-quality core academic instruction and prevention-focused systems that promote positive behavior. This universal intervention is preventative and proactive and is for 80-90% of all students.

### **MTSS Tier 2**

Tier 2 provides targeted, evidence-based academic and behavioral support to students for whom Tier 1 support is insufficient. This secondary intervention is a high-efficiency rapid response that includes classroom-based interventions or small-group interventions facilitated by a qualified professional. This tier is for 5-10% of students.

### **MTSS Tier 3**

Tier 3 provides highly intensive and individualized academic and behavioral support to students for whom Tier 1 and Tier 2 supports are insufficient. This tertiary intervention uses evidence-based supports layered on and aligned with the two previous tiers. This high-intensity, assessment-based tier is for 1-5% of individual students.