

RESPONSE TO INSTRUCTION AND INTERVENTION

The Governing Board desires to improve learning and behavioral outcomes for all students by providing a high-quality, data-driven educational program that meets the learning and behavioral needs of each student and reduces disparities in achievement among subgroups of students. Students who are not making academic progress pursuant to district measures of performance and/or are struggling behaviorally shall receive intensive instruction and intervention supports designed to meet individual learning needs, with progress monitored.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)
(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)
(cf. 0415 - Equity)
(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)
(cf. 6000 - Concepts and Roles)
(cf. 6011- Academic Standards)

The Superintendent or designee shall convene a team that may include, as appropriate, staff with knowledge of curriculum and instruction, student services, special education, and instructional and behavioral support, certificated personnel, other district staff, and parents/guardians to assist in designing the district's response to instruction and intervention within a Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS), based on an examination of indicators of district and schoolwide student achievement and social-emotional well-being.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)
(cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)
(cf. 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention)
(cf. 5147 - Dropout Prevention)
(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)
(cf. 6174 - Education for English Learners)
(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

The district's Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) shall include instructional strategies and interventions with demonstrated effectiveness and be aligned with the district curriculum and assessments. The Superintendent or designee may conduct ongoing screening to determine student needs, analyze data, identify interventions for students not making adequate academic progress, monitor the effectiveness of the interventions, and adjust interventions according to efficacy.

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
(cf. 6142.91 - Reading/Language Arts Instruction)
(cf. 6142.92 - Mathematics Instruction)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)
(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)

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The district's Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) shall include research-based, standards-based, culturally relevant instruction for students in the general education program; universal screening and continuous classroom monitoring to determine students' needs and to identify those students who are not making progress; criteria for determining the types and levels of interventions to be provided; and subsequent monitoring of student progress to determine the effectiveness of the intervention and to make changes as needed.

Additionally, the districts response to instruction and intervention via a Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) shall provide for:

1. High-quality classroom instruction
2. High expectations

(cf. 6173 - Education for Homeless Children)

(cf. 6173.1 - Education for Foster Youth)

(cf. 6173.2 - Education of Children of Military Families)

3. Assessments and data collection
4. Problem-solving systems approach
5. Research-based interventions
6. Positive behavioral support
7. Fidelity of program implementation
8. Staff development and collaboration, which may include training in the use of assessments, data analysis, research-based instructional practices and strategies and emphasize a collaborative approach of professional learning communities among teachers within and across grade spans

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

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9. Parent/guardian and family involvement, including collaboration and engagement

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are involved at all stages of the instructional, intervention, and progress monitoring process.

Parents/guardians shall be kept informed of the services that have and will be provided, the strategies being used to increase the student's rate of learning, the supports provided to improve behavioral difficulties, and the performance data that has and will be collected.

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

10. Consideration of further evaluation utilizing Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) data

The response to instruction and intervention via Multi-tiered System of Supports may be utilized as one component when considering the referral of a student for evaluation for special education or other services.

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6159.4 - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)

(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)

(cf. 6164.5 - Student Success Teams)

(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

56329 *Assessment, written notice to parent*

56333-56338 *Eligibility for specific learning disabilities*

56500-56509 *Procedural safeguards*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, especially:*

1416 *Monitoring, technical assistance, and enforcement*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

300.301-300.11 *Evaluations, reevaluations, and additional procedures for identifying children with specific learning disabilities*

COURT DECISIONS

M.M. v. Lafayette School District (9th Cir. 2014) 767 F.3d 842

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Best Practices in Special Education, Governance Brief, May 2019

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Disproportionality Calculation Methodologies

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY PUBLICATIONS

IDEA Series: Every Student Succeeds Act and Students with Disabilities, February 2018
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS
Return to School Roadmap: Child Find Under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act,
August 2021

A Response to Intervention (RTI) Process Cannot Be Used to Delay-Deny an Evaluation for Eligibility
under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA): Memorandum 11-07, January 2011

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

National Center for Learning Disabilities RTI Action Network: <http://www.rtinetwork.org>

National Council on Disability: <https://ncd.gov>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

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