

# MTSS Handbook Resources



Whether you're starting from scratch or refining an existing handbook, these resources will equip you with the insights and resources needed to create a comprehensive guide that supports student success.

## Branching Minds Resources

### MTSS Handbook TOC

#### Superintendent's Guide to MTSS

##### Sample MTSS Handbook Table Of Contents

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- ☐ Tier 2 Targeted Intervention
- ☐ Tier 3 Intensive Intervention
- ☐ Standard Treatment Protocol and Interventions

###### Section 3: Assessment Framework to Identify Student Needs

- ☐ Assessment Framework Timeline
- ☐ Identifying Student Support Needs Levels

###### Section 4: Support Plan Cycle

- ☐ Support Plan Identification
- ☐ Designing and Implementing Intervention Plans
- ☐ How are Support Plans Developed and Monitored

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### MTSS Synopsis

#### BRM ISD MTSS Synopsis

BRANCHING MINDS			
BRM ISD School			
	TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3
FOCUS OF TIER SUPPORT:	Designed for all students, with on-going scaffolding and differentiation.	Small Group problem solving	Individualized problem solving
POPULATION SUPPORTED:	All students (100%)	Some Students (less than 15%)	Few Students (3-5%)
ASSESSMENTS USED:	State assessments District common course assessments	Individual screening Progress monitoring occurs monthly; content area specific assessments	Intensive and strategic evidence-based tier 3 interventions, in addition to core instruction. Focus on specific foundational skills.
CURRICULUM AND INTERVENTION SUPPORTS:	District core curriculum, and schoolwide programs	Research-based curriculum, and Tier 2 evidence-based strategies (curriculum by Branching Minds)	Research-based curriculum, and Tier 3 evidence-based interventions (curriculum by Branching Minds)
AMOUNT OF TIME ALLOTTED:	ELA: 30-45 min Math: 45 min	80 minutes/week Two 40-minute sessions	120 minutes/week Two 40-minute sessions + two 20-minute sessions OR three 40-minute sessions
GROUP SIZE:	Whole class and small group	Whole class and small group	Direct Support: 2-4 students or one-on-one instruction
LOCATION:	General education classroom	Tier 2 support classroom	Outside of general education classroom
PERSONNEL:	Classroom teacher	Classroom teacher or other professionals (literacy teacher, SLP, etc.)	Specialized staff (resource teacher, SLP, literacy, etc.)
IMPLEMENTATION:	Ongoing	Targeted support classes are adjusted each semester	Each cycle is at least 6-10 weeks, with at least 8 data points

### MTSS Workflow

#### A Guide to MTSS Process Flow Chart.pdf



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Title:	Author:	Description:	Access:	Rating:
<b>Behavior Intervention Resources</b>	Various Branching Minds Professionals	<i>Explore to find expert advice, practical strategies, and downloadable resources you can start using immediately.</i>	<a href="#">MTSS Behavior Resources</a>	Great read ▾
<b>Supporting Students SEL and Behavior Needs</b>	Dr. Essie Sutton	<i>Specific steps for the successful implementation of an interconnected systems approach.</i>	<a href="#">SEL and Behavior Resources</a>	Great read ▾
<b>Leadership Protocols to Increase Engagement and Buy-in for MTSS</b>	Britt Shurley	<i>Tactics will help ignite positive change, engage staff members in new ways of thinking, and propel student outcomes to new heights.</i>	<a href="#">Leadership Protocol Resources</a>	Great read ▾
<b>MTSS Meeting Guide and Toolkit</b>	Susan Long	<i>It's time to do the one thing that works: bring your MTSS meetings back into focus!</i>	<a href="#">Meeting Guide Resource</a>	Great read ▾