

Coaching and professional learning are essential components for successful implementation and sustainability of a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS). Here are some key points about coaching and professional learning for MTSS:

Coaching within MTSS

- Coaching provides ongoing, job-embedded support to help educators apply new MTSS knowledge and skills in their actual school contexts over time.
- Coaching can occur at the educator level (supporting teachers) and systems level (supporting school/district leadership teams).
- Effective coaches have expertise in MTSS content, organizational skills, and relationship-building abilities.
- Coaching intensity (high, medium, low) is determined by data indicating the level of support needed.
- Coaching cycles involve planning, acting/modeling, and reflecting on MTSS implementation.

Professional Learning for MTSS

- Ongoing, sustained professional learning is critical for initial and continued MTSS implementation with fidelity.
- Professional learning should be purposefully planned throughout the year, aligned to MTSS goals and staff needs.
- A multi-year professional learning plan helps build capacity over time as MTSS becomes more embedded.
- Training may start with MTSS basics, then deepen into more advanced topics like data-based decision making.
- Effective professional learning utilizes coaching, modeling, and performance feedback in addition to training.

Coaching and robust professional learning plans involving training, coaching, and feedback loops are vital for ensuring all staff can successfully implement the complex system of MTSS with fidelity over time.

*The charts below show coaching and professional development considerations within an MTSS framework.

MTSS Professional Learning Considerations				
Leadership	Infrastructure	ADBDM	Universal	Supplemental & Intensive
*MTSS - what, why, and how *Continuous Improvement Process *developing a vision / mission *Creating an MTSS implementation plan *engaging families	*How to use curricular resources *systems vs. practice coaching	*Defining the type, purpose, and relevant assessment terminology *using EWS data *Assessment Analysis --Panorama --FAST Bridge --ISASP analysis	*Student engagement *formative assessment *learning goals / success criteria / learning progressions - teacher clarity *scaffolding *differentiation *standards / competencies *EBP's *Cognitive complexity	*intervention fidelity *intervention match to skill deficit *progress monitoring interventions *intensification *goal setting

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Coaching to develop: *norms *agendas * processes/ protocols *mission/vision *beliefs *consensus *data-based decision making *meeting evaluations *communication structures including feedback loops w/ stakeholders *MTSS PD *CIP	Coaching to develop: *EOPs *CRVPs *policies/ procedures to sustain MTSS *professional learning schedules / content *Identifying barriers *resource allocation *resource maps *scheduling CLC's *plan for systems & practice coaching	Coaching to develop: *comprehensive assessment inventory, including EWS *protocols for decision-making based on analysis of student data *timeline for data analysis based on assessment windows *system to access data by stakeholders *a set of rules, procedures and routines for decision-making within all tiers	Coaching to develop: *schedule of protected time *schedule to ensure students receiving supplemental or intensive instruction receive full universal *monthly review of scheduling barriers *standards-aligned learning goals and success criteria *a system to collect evidence of unfinished learning *plan units with scaffolds and differentiated instruction *system for equity of opportunity for every student *scope & sequence; learning progressions, curricular materials based on progressions *lesson plans reaching the cognitive complexity called for by the standards *evidenced based instructional practices and materials	Coaching to develop: *intervention inventory *the teams process / protocols to review and analyze data *building wide process to analyze data and determine intervention effectiveness

