Kansas Multi-Tier System of Supports: Living a Culture of Engagement
Integration & Sustainability

Evidence-Based Practices
Differentiated Instruction
Classroom Management
Early Intervention
Multi-Tier Model
Fluid Groups
Data-Based Decision Making
Problem Solving Process

Leadership
Instruction
Curriculum
Assessment
Empowering Culture

Professional Development

Improving the Building System

Analysis
Building Leadership Team
Communication
Collaboration
Evaluate Effectiveness

Building Data

District Leadership Team

Collaborative Teams

Refine to Meet Needs of Building System

Refine to Meet Needs of District System

Evaluate Effectiveness

Kansas MTSS

Request Assistance
MTSS and RtI Connection
All Systems Go!

Wichita’s Path to Transformation with MTSS
Are we a “school system” or are we a “system of schools”? 
We ALL teach graduates.
Sustainability

Unless you align

• school,
• district,
• state, and
• national agendas,

innovation within schools cannot be sustained.
The Strategic Plan

MTSS is the WORK!

- Vision
- Strategic Plan
- Support and Direction from the District
Collaborative Partners

- Anita Archer: Explicit Instruction
- James Baker: Academic Structuring and Implementation
- George Batsche: Leadership and RtI
- Stevan Kukic: Strategic Reform
- Robert Pipik: Performance Management
- Randy Sprick: Positive Behavior Supports
Multi-Tier System of Supports IS the System Framework in Wichita Public Schools
District-Level Non-Negotiables

The culture of collaboration is embraced, expected, and supported at the school and district level as operationalized by the MTSS innovation configuration matrix.

District level standard protocols, in the areas of academic and behavior assessment, curriculum, intervention, instruction, and operations are established, implemented and supported with fidelity.

The focus of Professional Development is expecting and supporting fidelity of implementation.

Results-driven leadership is expected and supported.
## District PD Plan

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**Wichita Public Schools**
System Considerations

• Comprehensive Assessment System
• Positive Behavior Supports
• Structuring for Academic Literacy
• System of Data-Driven Decision Making
## Comprehensive Assessment System: What is different?

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### Kansas State Assessments:

- Fall OTL: October 3 - January 20 (All)
- Spring OTL: February 15 - May 11 (9th/10th R & M & Sci, and 10th Hist/Gov)
- Alternate: Indicators by November 22, 2011
- All scores entered by April 20, 2012

### College Readiness Assessments

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### ACT / PSAT

- ACT Explore: October 12 – November 9 (8th grade AVID only)
- ACT Plan: October 12 (9th grade)
- PSAT: October 12

**Interested and encouraged sophomores and juniors**
Positive Behavior Supports

• Safe and Civil Schools
  (Randy Sprick)
  o Classroom Management System: CHAMPS/ACHIEVE
    (4000 instructional staff trained)
  o Schoolwide Management System: FOUNDATIONS training for structuring
    • Guidelines for Success
Academic Focus: Literacy

Narrowing the Focus

• Three-Pronged Approach
  o Revising Literacy Curriculum Protocol
    • Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum
    • Kindergarten Curriculum
    • Systemic P-12 Intervention Solutions
  o Professional Development that develops all teachers into Literacy Experts (LETRS)
  o Instructional Model (including Explicit Instruction)
System of Data-Driven Decision Making

- Performance Management System
- Facility Stat
- School Stat
  - Principals
  - Leadership Teams
  - Grade-level/Department Teams
Translating Mission to Motion

Decision

Academic Leadership Team

• Superintendent
• Asst. Superintendents
• Executive Directors
• Chief Academic Officer
• Learning Services
• Student Support Services
• Innovation & Evaluation

Recommendation

MTSS District Leadership Team

Work Group 1
• Coaching

Work Group 2
• Literacy

Work Group 3
• Behavior (2012)

Work Group 4
• Math (2012)

Work Group 5
• Instructic (2012)

Work Group 6
• Leadership (?)

Work Group 7
• Professional Development (?)
Kansas MTSS Evaluation Project

October 2012
The Study Group Inc.’s Support to KSDE

- **RFP planning & design.**
- **Evaluation management & oversight.**
TSG’s Role in RFP Planning & Design

**Duration:** 4 years.

**Focus:** formative & summative.

**Parameters:**
- Address evaluation questions.
- Conduct evaluability assessment.
- Maximize use of existing data.
- Relate to multiple audiences.
Outcomes:

- Effects on school practice.
- Effects on students.
- Effects on systems.
TSG’s Role in Management & Oversight

• Sustain focus on evaluation questions.
• Ensure integrity of data collection & analysis.
• Recognize the differences/uses of formative & summative results.
• Maintain long-term perspective.
WestEd’s Evaluation of MTSS as a Statewide Initiative

- Guided by state’s questions
- Informed by Evaluability Assessment
- Informed and driven by research and theoretical framework
- Both formative and summative
MTSS Evaluation Questions

1. Scope
2. Implementation
3. Student Outcomes
4. Statewide System and Infrastructure
5. Sustainability
Evaluability Assessment

Purpose
• Explore the feasibility of doing an evaluation
• Identify how to measure intended outcomes of MTSS initiative

Activities
• Document review
• Interviews
• Literature review
• Examination of data sources
What we learned from the EA?

• MTSS logic model, conceptual framework, and ICM are well aligned

• Stakeholders at all levels have common understanding of purpose, goals and outcomes of MTSS

• Data sources are available

• Some challenges or limitations in data availability

→ All informed Evaluation Plan
Conceptual Framework for MTSS Evaluation

Online Survey of School

Case Studies

Interviews, Focus Groups, Documents & Extant Data

Outcomes Data

WestEd
Data Collection Activities

Extant Data

- Core Team data - MTSS training participation
- State data - School characteristics
- Student outcomes - Kansas Statewide Assessment
- MTSS Training and other documents
Data Collection Activities
New Data Collection

- Statewide online survey - All schools
- Case studies - One district and five schools
- Collection of Building Level Status Forms and ODR data
- Interviews and focus groups
Evaluation Activities To Date

• In **baseline** year of 3 years
• **Formative activities for quick feedback**
  o Participation tracking
  o MTSS practices school survey
  o Collection of building level universal screening data
MTSS School Survey

- All schools—1346 buildings
- 656 usable responses
- 48.7% response rate
  - Over representation of schools implementing MTSS
- Responses from 233 of 289 districts statewide
- 80.6% of all public school districts
Survey was designed to...

- Identify schools implementing MTSS
- Classify schools into stages of implementation based on their self-reported practices
  - Worked closely with KSDE MTSS leadership to identify what practices equate to each stage
- Track implementation and progress through stages over time
Survey Topic Areas

• Introductory Questions
• Leadership and Empowerment
• Assessment Practices
• Curricular and Instructional Practices
• Data-based Decision-making
• Tiered Interventions
• Student Outcomes
• Professional Development
• Barriers and Supports to Implementation
• Integration and Sustainability
Survey Findings Highlights

- 88.2% responding schools implementing MTSS
  Level of implementation varies:
  - 32.8% initial implementation
  - 6.1% in full implementation

MTSS has the potential to become a statewide, fully implemented school improvement initiative.
Next Steps

• Case Study Site Visits Fall 2012
• Analysis of quantitative data
  o State assessment data
  o Building level status data
• Document review
  → Continue evaluation cycle yearly
• Summative activities will track progress over time.
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