



Fairbanks North Star Borough School District

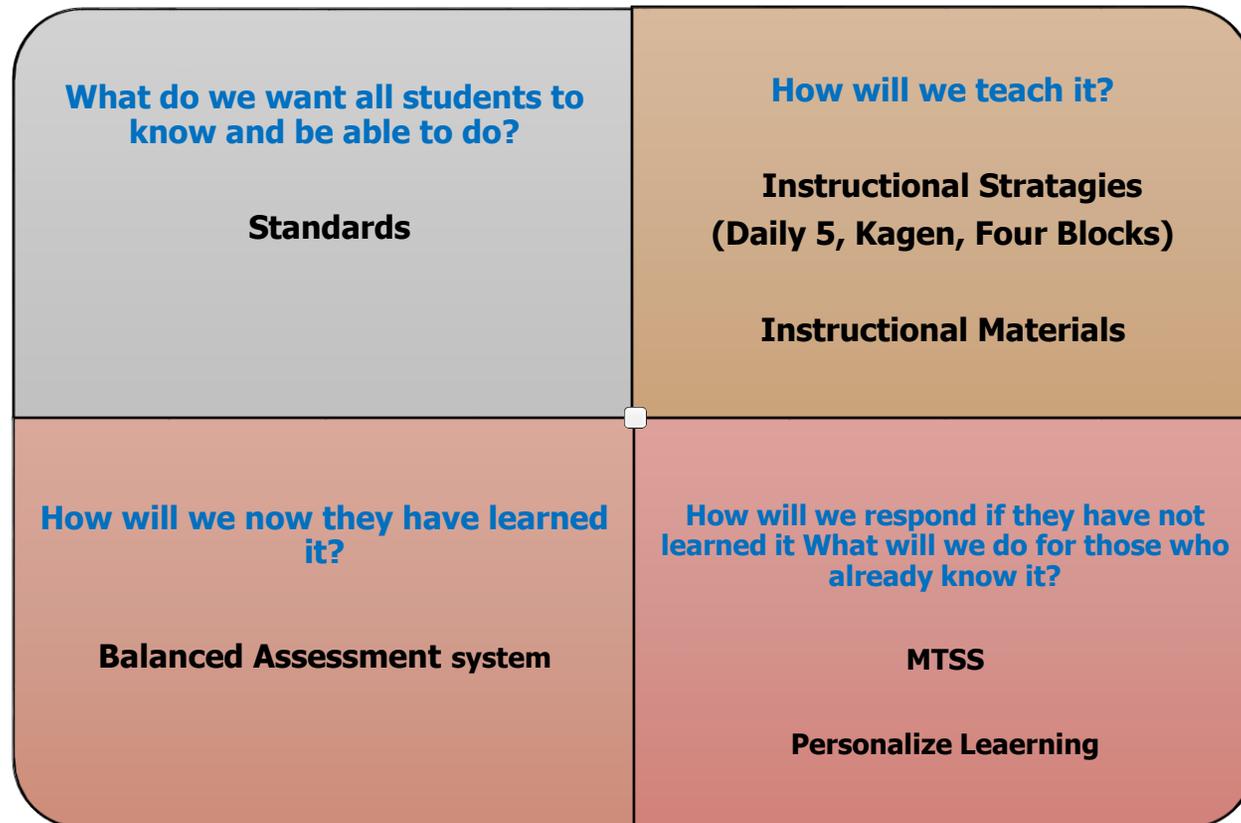
# **Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) Guidelines**

# Introduction

## Purpose of This Document

This document is designed to provide schools and teachers with common language, understanding, and guidelines of the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS). MTSS guidelines supports the districts adopted framework of effective teaching - Danielson Framework for Teaching.

An effective MTSS process provides the structure to address the four questions asked by effective teachers:



## Universal Screening

**Why:** The purpose of universal screening is to identify what supports students might need to grow in their learning.

**What:** The tools used for universal screening will be:

- Grades K-2 - AIMSweb Plus  
Tests needed for composite scores in Early Literacy and Early Numeracy will administered. Individual sites may choose to give additional tests for more comprehensive data.
- Grades 3-6 – Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)  
Tests in Math and Reading will be given to all students

**Who:** Classroom teacher will administer the universal screeners to ALL students.

**When:** All students will take the universal screeners three time per year. Once in the fall, once in the winter, and once in the spring.

Resources:

- [AIMSweb Plus](#)
- [MAP Resources](#)

## Progress Monitoring

**Why:** Progress monitoring is a practice that helps teachers use data to continually evaluate student growth and learning in an effort to make more informed instructional decisions.

**What:** The tools used for progress monitoring will be:

- Grade K-2 – AIMSweb Plus
- Grades 3-6 – MAP Growth

**Who/When:** Progress monitoring schedule is:

1. Students who score between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> percentile on the fall benchmark assessment and are receiving Tier 2 supports should be progress monitored biweekly for 6 weeks.
2. Students who score between 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> percentile on the fall benchmark assess and are receiving Tier 3 supports should be progress monitored weekly for 6 weeks.

Resources:

- [AIMSweb Plus](#)
- [MAP Resources](#)

## Data Analysis

**What:** Classroom teachers and school level teams will interpret and analysis data to identify which supports students will receive.

**When:** Data analysis will happen after each administration of the universal screening and following a six-week cycle of instructional supports.

**How:** Using data from universal screening, Buildings will define the data analysis process for their site.

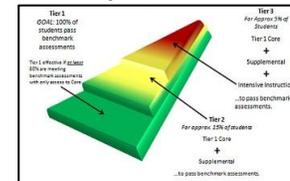
## Supports and Instruction

### What:

Tier 1 instruction and support is provided by the classroom teacher and refers to the core curriculum and instructional practices used. Instruction and support at Tier 1 includes:

- evidence-based core curriculum delivered to all students
- differentiated learning activities (e.g., mixed instructional grouping, peer tutoring, use of stations) to address individual needs
- accommodations to ensure all students have access to the core instructional program

Tier 2 instruction and support is the level at which more intensified supports, strategies, and group supports are provided. Tier 2 supports are provided in addition to Tier 1 instruction and accommodations and are delivered by the classroom teacher or designated professional.



Tier 3 support relies on evidence based interventions that specify the instructional procedures, duration, and frequency of instruction. This level of support has the following distinguishing characteristics:

- is evidence-based
- relies primarily on small-group rather than whole-class instruction
- involves a clearly articulated support which is followed with precision