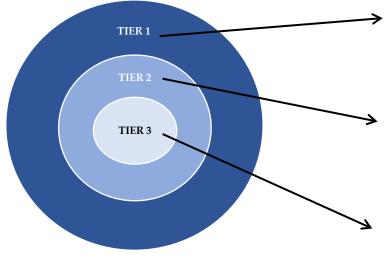
Integrated Tiered System of Supports



The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) supports using a multi-tiered or level system of supports. This gives educators the tools needed to meet the needs of ALL students.



Tier 1 Core Instruction

- Universal screening for ALL students
- Formative and summative assessment
- Explicit teaching of behavior expectations
- Differentiated instruction
- Lessons designed with the UDL frameworks

Tier 2 Supplemental Instruction

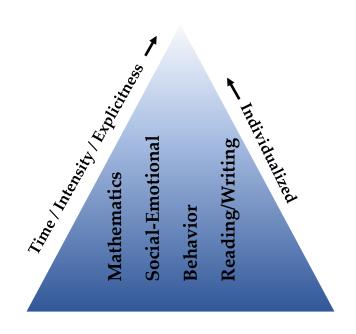
- Input from specialists
- Diagnostic assessment
- Integrates behavior & academic data
- Monthly or bi-monthly progress monitoring
- More intensive instruction

Tier 3 Intensive Intervention

- Designed to remedy error patterns
- Weekly or daily progress monitoring
- Integrates comprehensive behavior supports
- Family involvement
- Individual student planning

This framework uses:

- Evidence-based screening
- Standards aligned curricula
- Team-based collaborative planning
- Evidence-based instructional approach based on universal design for learning (UDL) principles and differentiated instruction (DI).



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