

Data-based decision making is the use of data to make decisions that benefit students. It occurs at all levels of MTSS implementation, from individual students to the district level.

# What is Data-Based Decision Making?



It includes a clear process for movement between the tiers, an accessible data system that graphs data, and use of data-based decision rules implemented with fidelity. Explore our [MTSS Fidelity of Implementation Rubric](#) to learn more!

Be sure you have the right teams by using our [Teams Tip Sheet!](#)



Avoid being "data rich, information poor" by watching this [webinar!](#)



## Responsiveness

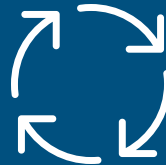
*Are decisions about responsiveness based on reliable and valid data that reflect progress toward key goals?*



*Are decision-making criteria implemented accurately?*

## Decision-Making Process

*Is the process data-driven?*



*Is there a broad base of key personnel involved?*



*Is the process operationalized with clear decision rules?*

## Data System

*Can users document and access individual student-level data?*



*Are data entered in a timely manner?*



*Are data represented graphically?*



*Is there a process for setting and evaluating goals?*