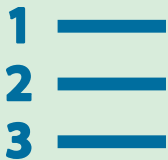# WHAT IS SCREENING?

Screening uses a systematic process for identifying students who may be at risk for poor learning outcomes, including academic, behavioral, social, emotional, school completion, and college and career readiness outcomes. Explore our MTSS Fidelity of Implementation Rubric to learn more!

Use screening data to identify students' risk level, which helps determine who needs additional support and who is likely to succeed with Tier 1 instruction. Also use screening data to evaluate the overall effectiveness of Tier 1 instruction.

Screening in Elementary Schools

Screen students for their needs and mastery of basic skills, such as reading and math.

Screening in Secondary Schools

Screen students for level of school engagement and risk of dropout using attendance, behavior referrals, and course proficiency (include basic skills screening as needed).

Screening tools requires:
(1) reliability and validity,
(2) predictable of risk status,
(3) staff can articulate the evidence for their use

Universal screening process requires:
(1) screen all students,
(2) procedures to ensure implementation accuracy,
(3) occurs more than once/year,
(4) risk verification includes two other data sources

Academic Screening Tools Chart

Behavior Screening Tools Chart

Selecting a Data System

Understanding the Technical Terms

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