



Dear South Lake Families:

South Lake's teaching staff is committed to helping all students succeed. There are many ways to help student to be as successful as possible. We also realize that our students do not come to us as "one size fits all" learners, and have different learning styles and learn at different rates. Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) is one way to offer needed support.

Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) is a process of providing educational and behavioral support. There are three tiers in this approach, and they are as follows:

Tier I: A core curriculum including *effective* classroom interventions available to students that meet the needs of most students. ALL students receive the core curriculum and instruction in their regular education classrooms as well as School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (SW-PBIS). The teachers work with all students at their individual levels.

Tier II: Targeted, small group interventions (*typically facilitated outside of the core curriculum or by grouping students in similar instructional level groups*). ALL students receive core curriculum and instruction in their regular education classrooms. The school provides targeted interventions to students who need more support in addition to what they are receiving in their general education classroom.

Tier III: Intense, individual interventions (*more explicit, typically longer and focused on remediation*). Students in this tier receive more intensive interventions. They receive the core curriculum in their general education classroom but need more intensive intervention on basic skills that usually requires and individual learning or behavior plan.

South Lake Schools has developed a time line for student assessments. Your child's general education teacher conducts additional and more frequent progress monitoring to move students fluidly through these tiers as needed based on each student's assessment data. As a parent, you will be notified by your child's school if your child moves into a different tier of support.

If you have any questions about MTSS, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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