



Kansas Timeline to Multi-Tier System of Supports

1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some special educators in Kansas have dissatisfaction with the special education identification process and have an idea of how to better meet the needs of students that are struggling. Kansas State Department of Education Student Support Services Team awards IDEA Part VI-B Innovation Grants to local education agencies to address alternative assessment practices. Safe and Drug Free Schools begins statewide committee exploring how to better support students at-risk KSDE begins piloting QPA process which focuses accreditation on student outcomes.
1993	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kansas State Department of Education Student Support Services sets as a goal to revise the eligibility criteria and approves waiver from the aptitude-achievement discrepancy model for a few local education agencies in Kansas.
1994	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Eligibility Issue Team developed by Kansas State Department of Education Student Support Services to explore an alternative identification model.
1995	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Belief Statement of the Eligibility Issue Team developed. Kansas educators begin regular interactions with a multi-state group of educators from a few other states that eventually transforms into the National Innovations Conference.
1996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial dissemination of the beliefs and their ideas begin. Kansas State Department of Education Student Support Services Team and State & Federal Programs jointly funds statewide problem solving training called Student Improvement Team (SIT). Last waivers from the IQ-achievement discrepancy model awarded in August of 1996.
1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1997 Reauthorization of IDEA
1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KSDE State and Federal Programs provide financial support to education service centers in Kansas through Safe and Drug Free Schools to support continued statewide training of Student Improvement Teams (SIT).
2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal Regulations for IDEA 1997 Finalized Kansas removes aptitude-achievement discrepancy requirement from statute.
2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kansas removes IQ-achievement discrepancy requirement from regulation. State Special Education Regulations define General Education Interventions (GEI) as the process to be used by local education agencies in conducting child find. Student Improvement Teams (SIT) is the problem solving process used to implement General Education Interventions. Kansas State Department of Education Student Support Services releases the first Kansas Special Education Process Handbook.
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2004 Reauthorization of IDEA and explicitly includes Response-to-Intervention as an option for the identification of students with specific learning disabilities. Kansas adopts Response-to-Intervention practices in Statute and Regulation

2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kansas State Department of Education Student Support Services Team funds Kansas Statewide Technical Assistance Resource System (KSTARS) project to develop and pilot school-wide Response-to-Intervention training addressing elementary literacy. • Positive Behavioral Supports (PBS) Stakeholder group developed. • First School Psychologists Community of Practice (CoP) developed to address issues around Response-to-Intervention. • Kansas State Department of Education Student Support Services funds Response-to-Intervention subgrants to Institutions of Higher Education teacher education programs to address Response-to-Intervention.
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kansas Special Education Statute reflects IDEA in allowing for Response-to-Intervention. • Kansas State Department of Education Student Support Services Team expands KSTARS project addressing Response-to-Intervention to begin looking at Response-to-Intervention at the middle and high school. • First Annual Kansas Innovations Conference held. • First Principal's Community of Practice (CoP) developed to address issues around Response-to-Intervention. • Through funding provided by the KSDE Student Support Services Team, School-wide Positive Behavior Support (SWPBS) training is offered to school team in northeast Kansas.
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kansas State Department of Education adopts term Multi-Tier System of Support (MTSS) to help prevent confusion with different narrow definitions of Response-to-Intervention that is appearing in research. • The Kansas Multi-Tier System of Supports framework defined of a set of practices and principles that address prevention of academic and behavioral problems. • Kansas State Department of Education Student Support Services funds capacity building activities to train staff across the state to facilitate the implementation of MTSS at the elementary level addressing literacy (July). • Development and pilots for middle and high school MTSS begins (June). • Kansas MTSS Stakeholders group developed (July). • Kansas State Department of Education Student Support Services receives federal grant (SPDG) with primary goal to merge academics and behavior (PBS) into a single school-wide process. • Kansas State Department of Education MTSS Belief Statements, definition and graphic developed (August). • Website www.kansasmtss.org launched (August). • Website www.pbskansas.org launched. • MTSS embedded into Kansas State Board of Education Goal, Objectives, Strategies & Activities (September). • Kansas sends team to National Rtl Summit in Washington, D.C. (December).
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading First conducts PBS Training (February). • Governor Sebelius presents MTSS to National Governors Association Education Committee (February). • Kansas MTSS brochures released (March). • Kansas MTSS posters released (March). • Kansas MTSS Symposium Save the Date cards distributed (March). • Kansas MTSS: Innovation Configuration Matrix (ICM) released (May). • Kansas MTSS: Research Base released (May). • Kansas MTSS: Academic Structuring Guide released (July). • First Kansas Multi-Tier System of Supports Symposium (September). • SWPBS training is expanded to include schools from northeast and central Kansas.