



Timeline to Kansas Multi-Tier System of Supports

2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kansas MTSS Multi-Year External Evaluation Final Report and Executive Summary released (January). • Grant approved to continue Kansas MTSS project with the goal to scale-up and promote integrated model (January). • MTSS structures and procedures for reading are written into the Kansas Reading Roadmap agreement for the new grant cycle (January). • Application open statewide for participants in the MTSS: CI3T training series (January). • Tool developed in collaboration with TASN Priority Three: Scaling-up the Technical Assistance System Network Evaluation to evaluate integrated model of Kansas MTSS (February) • Scope and sequence and material development for integrated model in process (March). • MTSS and Tertiary Behavior Supports will collaborate on a process to migrate tertiary supports work into Kansas MTSS. • Districts selected for 2015-2016 Kansas MTSS training series (April) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Districts 3 and 4 will move into implementation phase of the integrated model. • Districts 1 and 2 will move into sustainability and refinement • Districts not selected for the 2015-2016 training series will be offered professional learning opportunities • Initiated a conversation to partner with the Kansas Learning Network (Priority 5: Scaling-up targeted district and building improvement support). • Initiated conversation to establish a partnership with TASN Priority 4: Scaling-up support for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders and other complex needs. • Continue work with schools implementing Kansas MTSS. • Started developing Kansas MTSS readiness activities and trainings. • Worked with KPIRC and Families Together to create materials and trainings to support families with the new emergency safety interventions and family engagement within Kansas MTSS. • Continuing to align content and training with new state accreditation model (April) • Kansas State Board of Education presentation by WestEd on the Final Report of the Multi-Year External Evaluation of Kansas MTSS (April)
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final year of large scale external evaluation conducted by WestEd of Kansas Multi-Tier System of Supports is initiated (January). • The MTSS framework and reading assessment procedures becomes the overarching system for aligning in-school and out of school time supports for schools participating in the Kansas Reading Roadmap (February). • Kansas, Michigan, Oregon, Illinois and Tennessee participate in cross-state collaboration to move efforts forward (March). • Numeracy protocol is introduced in Wichita Public Schools (April) • Collaborated with KSDE to develop <i>Kansas Alignment to Rose Standards</i> a cross-walk the Rose Standard elements and Kansas College and Career Ready Employability Skills, Kansas MTSS, Kansas 21st Century Accreditation. (April). • KSDE releases RFA for next grant cycle of Kansas MTSS (June). • Cohorts 1 and 2 begin MTSS: CI3T Implementation (August). • Behavior protocol introduced in Wichita Public Schools (August) • Kansas MTSS is included in the Kansas ESEA flexibility waiver and approved by U.S. Department of Education.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kansas MTSS Symposium; over 1200 participants (September). • Wichita Public Schools commits to continue with district wide implementation of MTSS (September) • Regional MTSS informational sessions held to support teams with special education and MTSS implementation (October). • Begin to align content and training with new state accreditation model (October). • Additional teams established across Kansas for tertiary support training (September). • Cohorts 3 and 4 begin MTSS: CI3T training series (November). • Keystone Learning Services awarded grant for the Kansas MTSS project (December). • Preliminary work with the Kansas Preschool program to support Readiness for MTSS (December). • Application and selection process developed for future MTSS: CI3T districts (December).
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy protocol is introduced in Wichita Public Schools (February) • Kansas, Michigan and Oregon participate in cross-state collaboration (March). • Kansas Board of Education Approves Emergency Safety Intervention Regulations (April). • Collaborated with KSDE to produce a white paper titled <i>The Kansas College & Career Ready Standards and Kansas Multi-Tier System of Supports</i> (April). • Instructional protocol introduced in Wichita Public Schools (September). • Kansas MTSS collaborates with the Kansas Reading Roadmap initiative to align reading supports in-school and out of school using the MTSS framework and support participating schools in the implementation of MTSS (October). • Kansas MTSS and Michigan MiBLISi collaborate to provide a Cross State Perspective of MTSS at the NASDSE Annual Conference to move forward MTSS at a national level (October). • Kansas begins collaboration with Kathleen Lynne Lane, Ph.D., BCBA-D to merge the Kansas MTSS framework with the Comprehensive, Integrated Three-tiered (CI3T) Model (October). • Developed a brief describing the connection between the Kansas Reading Initiative and Kansas MTSS (October). • Teams were established across Kansas trained in TASN FABI tertiary support (September) • Cohort 1 and 2 MTSS:CI3T training series begins (November). • Positive Behavior Support training provided to transportation directors using the Safe and Civil Schools “In the Driver’s Seat” tool kit. (November)
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established new level of MTSS Facilitator – Content Area Specialist to provide training and support to districts (May). • <i>Kansas MTSS: Implementation Guides</i> addressing Reading, Mathematics, and Behavior PK-12 (June). • <i>Kansas MTSS: Innovation Configuration Matrix (ICM) Version 3.0</i> revised to align with revisions to the KSDE accreditation model (June). • Revised ICM to match the state accreditation model (July). • KSDE - State Professional Development Grant (SPDG) supports national speakers, materials, and scholarships for the 2012 Kansas MTSS Symposium (September). • Teams established for TASN FABI tertiary support training (September). • KSDE -Safe and Supportive Schools (S3) grant supports materials for the 2012 Kansas MTSS Symposium (September). • Regional MTSS reading refinement is offered statewide(October). • Invited to present at Kansas MTSS for young children at Response to Intervention Summit.
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public summary of the external evaluation by WestEd released (January). • Presentation request to the Kansas Legislature Education Committee (January). • Public findings of the Evaluability Assessment of the external evaluation of MTSS by WestEd released (May). • Kansas State Board of Education on a 9 to 1 vote approved KSDE supporting statewide implementation of MTSS (May). • KSDE - State Professional Development Grant (SPDG) supports national speakers, materials, and scholarships for the 2011 Kansas MTSS Symposium (May).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KSDE -Safe and Supportive Schools (S3) grant supports materials for the 2011 Kansas MTSS Symposium (May). • <i>Kansas MTSS: Structuring Guides</i> addressing Reading, Mathematics, and Behavior PK-12 (June). • <i>Kansas MTSS: Implementation Guides</i> addressing Reading, Mathematics, and Behavior K-12 (June). • First District Leadership Team Facilitation provided Kansas MTSS Project (August). • Kansas MTSS Project joins initial TASN workgroups for Reading, Math, and behavior (November). • Began preliminary work with the Kansas Preschool Program to support readiness with MTSS.
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KSDE Special Education Services funds proposal to continue to supporting the development of a statewide infrastructure to support MTSS (February). • Wichita Public Schools develops a 5-year professional development plan for full MTSS implementation. • <i>Kansas MTSS: Structuring Guide Ver. 3.0</i> – K-12 (June). • <i>Kansas MTSS: Structuring Guide Reading Supplement</i> – K-12 (June). • <i>Kansas MTSS: Structuring Guide Math Supplement</i> – K-12 (June). • <i>Kansas MTSS: Structuring Guide Behavior Supplement</i> – K-12 (June). • <i>Kansas MTSS: Implementation Guide System</i> (June). • <i>Kansas MTSS: Implementation Guide Reading</i> (June). • <i>Kansas MTSS: Implementation Guide Math</i> (June). • Third Annual Kansas Multi-Tier System of Supports Symposium with over 1,000 people in attendance (September). • First District MTSS Summit for school leadership teams is provided by external partners: James Baker, George Batsche, Steve, Kukic, Bob Pipik, and Randy Sprick – Wichita Public Schools • Wichita Public Schools collaborates with Anita Archer for a 5-year plan to train teachers in Explicit Instruction. • Safe & Drug Free Schools support the MTSS Symposium through providing scholarships to schools, funding a national speaker (September). • Kansas Parent Information Resource Center (KPIRC) publishes <i>MTSS: Helping Your Child Grow, Learn, and Succeed</i> (September). • Kansas Parent Information Resource Center (KPIRC) publishes <i>Family Engagement: a Critical Component to Building an Empowering Culture in the Kansas Multi-Tier System of Supports</i> (September). • Kansas MTSS: Leadership Essentials Workshop being provided by the Kansas MTSS Project (September). • Kansas Board of Education Adopts Kansas College and Career Ready Standards (October). • Large scale external evaluation of Kansas Multi-Tier System of Supports initiated (November).
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Kansas MTSS: Innovation Configuration Matrix V2</i> created with a KSDE agency wide team (January). • Kansas Parent Information Resource Center (KPIRC) publishes <i>A Family guide to Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS)</i> (February). • <i>Kansas MTSS: Elementary Academic Implementation Guide End of Year</i> (February). • Wichita Public Schools develops new strategic plan and plan officially adopted by the BOE. (March) • Over 250 buildings have received support from the State MTSS System since begin in 2005 (March). • <i>Kansas MTSS: Academic Structuring Guide Ver. 2.0</i> – K-12 literacy and math (June). • State structure to support MTSS established (June). • Planning for systemic MTSS Implementation begins with Kansas MTSS Core Team and Wichita Public Schools and they form an MTSS District Leadership team. (September 2009) • Kansas MTSS Leadership Structure for the State is formally established. • First MTSS Core Team Meeting (July). • Full-time staff to address behavior and leadership added to team (July). • First Transformation Team Meeting (August). • <i>Kansas MTSS: Academic Structuring Guide Ver. 2.0</i> – K-12 literacy (August).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Kansas MTSS: Elementary Implementation Guide Ver. 2.0</i> (August). • Second Kansas Multi-Tier System of Supports Symposium with over 800 people in attendance (September). • Safe & Drug Free Schools provides Scholarships to PBS Schools to attend MTSS Symposium and sponsors national behavior speaker (September). • State Professional Development Grant supports pod cast recordings of MTSS Symposium presenters (September). • State Professional Development Grant supports behavior book give away at the MTSS Symposium (September). • KSDE Special Education Services supports academic book give away at the MTSS Symposium (September). • KSDE Special Education Services begin to address special education reimbursement as related to MTSS (October). • KSDE Special Education Services releases new RFP to continue to support MTSS (October).
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading First conducts PBS Training (February). • Governor Sebelius presents MTSS at National Governors Association Education Committee (February). • Kansas MTSS brochures (March). • Kansas MTSS posters (March). • Kansas MTSS Symposium Save the Date cards distributed (March). • <i>Kansas MTSS: Innovation Configuration Matrix (ICM)</i> (May). • <i>Kansas MTSS: Research Base</i> (May). • <i>Kansas MTSS: Elementary Academic Structuring Guide</i> (July). • First Kansas Multi-Tier System of Supports Symposium (September). • <i>Kansas MTSS: Elementary Academic Implementation Guide Beginning of Year</i> (September). • SWPBS training is expanded to include schools from northeast and central Kansas. • Added new MTSS Facilitators from across Kansas [Total: 22 facilitators from 11 agencies] (September). • Kansas Learning Network needs assessment in Wichita Public Schools (November) • <i>Kansas MTSS: Elementary Academic Implementation Guide Middle of Year</i> (December). • MC3 & KSDE-SES Co-Sponsor Instructional Coaching Training of Trainers to support statewide capacity of MTSS (December). • Kansas MTSS Facilitators have worked with over 200 buildings to date (December).
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. • Initiated MTSS Facilitator Training to create statewide network of facilitators to support schools in

	<p>structuring and implementing MTSS [11 trainers from 7 agencies] (August).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MTSS embedded into Kansas State Board of Education Goal, Objectives, Strategies & Activities (September). • Kansas sends team to National RtI Summit in Washington, D.C. (December).
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.
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.
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
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.
2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Regulations for IDEA 1997 Finalized • Kansas removes aptitude-achievement discrepancy requirement from statute.
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).
1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1997 Reauthorization of IDEA
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.
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.
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.
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.

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.
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