MTSS-B AT WES

Washington School Board
What is MTSS-B?

Multi-tiered system of supports for behavior.

A framework for identifying, understanding and providing a range of supports, interventions and resources to address students’ social, emotional and behavioral wellness.
HISTORY

MTSS has been implemented as a responsibility of the Department of Education Commissioner. The NH DOE has established an office whose specific role is to support schools in implementing MTSS (Office of Social Emotional Wellness).

MTSS has been a growing component of comprehensive educational services for over 20 years. MTSS has evolved from earlier versions, including Response to Intervention (RTI) and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS).
The Foundation of MTSS-B

- Tiered system of interventions
- Social-emotional learning (SEL)
- Data-based decision making
- Evidence-based practices at all tiers of intervention
- Strong school-family-community partnerships to “wrap around”
Tier 1 - Universal support

Tier 1, or universal, supports are the services and activities that we offer to all students, in order to improve their social, emotional and behavioral wellness.
Tier 1 at WES

- Wolfpack Pride
- Bucket Fillers
- “Specials” class devoted to social and character development skills
- Whole-school field trips and activities
- Community meeting
100% of staff said that students were quite or extremely supportive in their interactions with each other.

100% of staff said that they observe students frequently or almost always being helpful to each other without being prompted.

89% of staff said that student behaviors only slightly or never interfere with teaching and learning.

100% of families said that they observe quite a bit to a tremendous amount of respect between staff and students.
Tier 2 - Targeted support

Tier 2 targeted supports include the interventions that are offered to some students, who need more help with social, emotional and behavioral wellness.

Less than 20% of the student population
Tier 2 at WES

- Short-term counseling services (group or individual)
- Individualized behavior interventions
- Check-ins with a trusted adult
- Group-specific activities
- Parent/caregiver collaboration
Tier 3 supports include intensive interventions designed specifically to meet the social, emotional and behavioral needs of a student.

Less than 5% of the student population
Tier 3 at WES

- Collaboration with outside service providers
- Individual short-term counseling services
- Referral to outpatient mental health services
- Referral to community resources for the family
- Individualized behavior interventions
- Parent/caregiver collaboration
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- Universal screening
- Development of current Tier 1 activities
- Regular meetings for the Tier 1 Team
- Publicity about MTSS-B to parents/caregivers/community
- Professional development opportunities
upcoming MTSS-B developments

✘ Increased student access to tier 2 counseling supports
✘ Improved referral pathways to access outpatient community mental health
✘ Suicide prevention & response training for staff and students
  ○ Student training focuses on increasing the skills that lower the risk of suicide behavior
Structural supports

- Project AWARE: 5-year federal grant in place until August 2024
- SAU & building level admin support
- Building-level teaming for all tiers of support
- Consultation provided by NH DOE
Structural supports

- SAU 34–Community Leadership Team (SCLT)
- Alignment & integration with SAU 34 Strategic Plan
- Alignment with the Portrait of a Graduate
- School Climate & Culture Survey
SAU 34 MTSS-B Website

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