



MTSS Snapshot: Is MTSS Required?

A Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) is a framework intended to support ALL students, and it is considered best practice for teaching and learning. Research tells us when implemented with fidelity, MTSS can close learning gaps, improve student achievement, increase on-time graduation, and reduce behavior related suspensions/expulsions. Currently, there are three documents to carefully review when considering if MTSS is required in Georgia's schools.

#1 [GEORGIA HOUSE BILL 740: A Bill to be Entitled an Act](#)

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(Excerpt from HB 740 – Click on link to see entire bill.)

#2 [GEORGIA BOARD OF EDUCATION RULE](#)

Code: JD

160-4-8-.15

Important to Know: (1) No student in public preschool through third grade shall be expelled or suspended from school for more than five consecutive or cumulative days during a school year without first receiving a multi-tiered system of supports, such as response to intervention, ...

(Excerpt from Georgia BoE Rule 160-4-8-.15 – Click on link to see entire BoE rule.) [Adopted: 11/8/2018; Effective 11/28/2018]

#3 [GEORGIA BOARD OF EDUCATION RULE](#)

Code: IGB

160-4-2-.32

Important to Know: The Student Support Team Board of Education Rule, 160-4-2-.32, currently has proposed revisions in process. The Student Support Team requirement to provide interventions has not changed.

(An update will be provided if the proposed rulemaking is approved by the Georgia Board of Education.)

Is MTSS Required?

In the State of Georgia, public schools with grades PK through 3rd grade must provide MTSS interventions prior to expelling or suspending a student for more than five (5) consecutive or cumulative days of school during a school year.

Furthermore, the Georgia Board of Education rules for *Student Discipline* and *Student Support Team* also require interventions for students. Both rules include all grade levels.

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Georgia's Tiered System of Supports for Students