

Access to Achievement: iMTSS Supporting ALL learners at every Tier ***Equitable Access. Meaningful Engagement. Growth for All.***

Integrated Multitiered Systems of Support (iMTSS) is a proactive and data-informed framework designed to ensure academic, social-emotional, and behavioral success for every student—including multilingual learners (MLs). It offers layered supports, with Tier 1 serving as the foundation

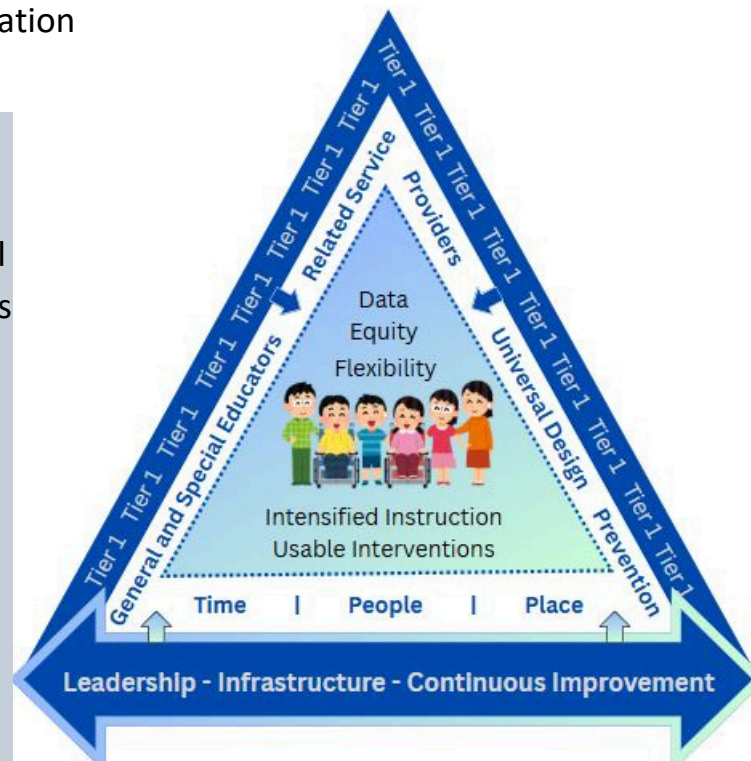
Tier 1: High-Quality Core Instruction

Success begins here. It represents the universal instruction all students receive—and where multilingual learners must be fully included with intentional practices that honor language development and cultural identity.

Core Components for MLs at Tier 1

- Culturally & Linguistically Responsive Instruction
- Integrate students' backgrounds, languages, and experiences into daily lessons.
- Ensure visuals, gestures, scaffolds, and modeling support understanding.
- Language Objectives + Content Objectives: Pair every academic lesson with a language goal that supports listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
- Progress monitoring data to adequately align with a student's Individual Language Access Plan goals
- Collaborative Planning: Encourage general education and ML specialists to co-plan and co-deliver inclusive instruction.

When progress monitoring shows that a student needs more support beyond Tier 1, a collaborative process helps add Tier 2 or Tier 3 interventions as needed.



Programming Requirements



- **Identification:** Early identification of multilingual learners' strengths and needs is critical.



- **Screening:** Use language-appropriate screeners and tools validated for multilingual populations.



- Individual Language Access Plan (ILAP)



- **Progress Monitoring:** Review language proficiency data annually alongside academic performance.

Multilingual learners can and do thrive with Tier 1 supports, when those supports are linguistically appropriate, culturally sustaining, and strategically scaffolded.

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