Data-based decision making is the use of data to make decisions that benefit students. It occurs at all levels of MTSS implementation, from individual students to the district level.

**What is Data-Based Decision Making?**

It includes a clear process for movement between the tiers, an accessible data system that graphs data, and use of data-based decision rules implemented with fidelity. Explore our [MTSS Fidelity of Implementation Rubric](#) to learn more!

**Responsiveness**

- Are decisions about responsiveness based on reliable and valid data that reflect progress toward key goals?
- Are decision-making criteria implemented accurately?
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**Decision-Making Process**

- Is the process data-driven?
- Is there a broad base of key personnel involved?
- Is the process operationalized with clear decision rules?

**Data System**

- Can users document and access individual student-level data?
- Are data entered in a timely manner?
- Are data represented graphically?
- Is there a process for setting and evaluating goals?

Be sure you have the right teams by using our [Teams Tip Sheet](#)!

Avoid being "data rich, information poor" by watching this [webinar](#)!

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