

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!

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



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



Responsiveness

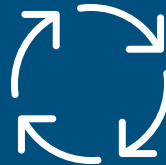
Are decisions about responsiveness based on reliable and valid data that reflect progress toward key goals?



Are decision-making criteria implemented accurately?

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?