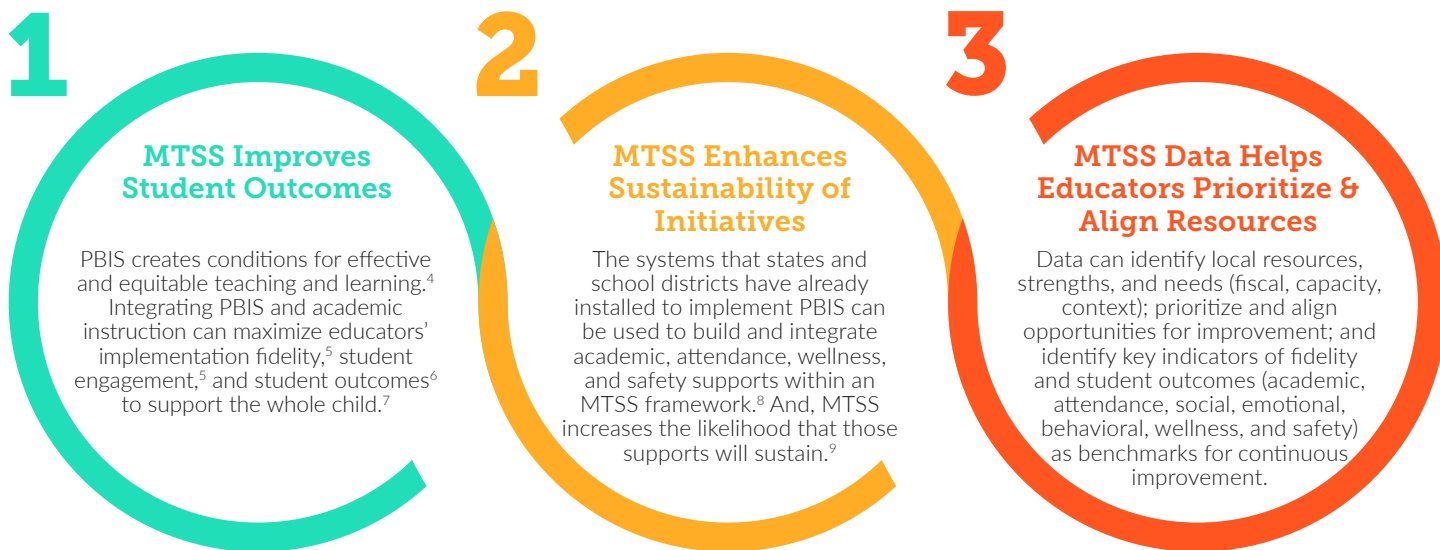


Multi-Tiered System of Support: A Proven Framework for Integrating Initiatives

Many U.S. states and territories promote multi-tiered system of support (MTSS) frameworks to organize and optimize implementation of evidence-based practices.¹ **Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is the most widely implemented² and evidence-based MTSS framework.³** At state, territory, and local levels, PBIS systems can be leveraged to integrate academic, attendance, social, emotional, behavioral, wellness, and school safety supports to maximize sustainability and efficient use of limited resources. We highlight three big ideas for integration within an MTSS framework based on decades of PBIS research and practice.

BIG IDEAS



To see these big ideas in action, check out two state examples of integrated implementation within an MTSS framework:

- **Georgia:** gadoe.org/whole-child-supports/gatss
- **Nevada:** pbis.org/resource/nevada-mtss-5-year-report

In addition, bookmark these websites for further reading and resources:

- **PBIS district and state topic:** pbis.org/topics/districtstate-pbis
- **Collection of 2-page briefs on integrated MTSS:** mtss.org/i-mtss-briefs

1. <https://mtss.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/States-of-I-MTSS-Brief-2024.pdf>
2. <https://www.pbis.org/pbis/what-is-pbis>
3. <https://www.pbis.org/pbis/why-implement-pbis>
4. <https://www.pbis.org/resource/pbis-an-evidence-based-framework>
5. <https://mtss.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/UConn-Tier-1-Study-Preliminary-Findings-Brief.pdf>
6. <https://mtss.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Does-Research-Support-I-MTSS-2024.pdf>
7. <https://www.pbis.org/resource/is-school-wide-positive-behavior-support-an-evidence-based-practice>
8. <https://www.pbis.org/resource/technical-guide-for-alignment-of-initiatives-programs-and-practices-in-school-districts>
9. <https://www.pbis.org/resource/does-implementation-of-swpbis-enhance-sustainability-of-specific-programs-such-as-playworks>