



Essential Elements Tier I MTSS Planning & Implementation Checklist



Tier I INSTRUCTION

Goal: Prevent reading failure by ensuring that 80% or more of students meet grade-level expectations through high-quality Tier 1 instruction.

	<i>Element</i>	<i>Next Steps/Notes</i>
1.	Students get 90 to 120 minutes of reading instruction each day.	
2.	All students take part in Tier 1 instruction.	
3.	Teaching follows a research-based plan that covers the five key parts of early reading.	
4.	Teachers use evidence based methods to teach reading.	
5.	Teachers have access to quality materials backed by research.	
6.	Instruction is adjusted using data from universal screeners.	
7.	Teaching includes whole-class and small-group lessons based on student needs.	
8.	Extra staff help with small-group lessons during Tier 1 time.	
9.	Grade-level teams work together using screening data to plan lessons.	