



Updated Section 31a Information

LITERACY, CAREER/COLLEGE READINESS,
MTSS

Focus on Literacy, K-3

- ▶ Focus on 3rd grade literacy proficiency and the accountability model that assures all at-risk students will be proficient at the end of grade 3 or significant consequences will be assessed.

Career/College Readiness by the End of 11th grade.

- ▶ A continuing focus on the preparation of 11th grade at-risk students to be career and college ready. As with the consequences imposed against districts whose students are not reading-proficient, districts should focus on this prior to 11th grade.

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- ▶ Implements effective instruction for all learners,
- ▶ Intervenes early,
- ▶ Provides a multi-tiered mode of instruction and intervention that provides the following:

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- ▶ A core curriculum and classroom interventions available to all pupils that meet the needs of most pupils,
- ▶ Targeted group interventions,
- ▶ Intense individual interventions,
- ▶ Monitors pupil progress to inform instruction,
- ▶ Uses data to make instructional decisions,

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- ▶ Uses assessments, including universal screening, diagnostics, and progress monitoring,
- ▶ Engages families and the community,
- ▶ Implements evidence-based, scientifically validated, instruction and intervention,
- ▶ Implements instruction and intervention practices with fidelity,
- ▶ Uses a collaborative problem-solving model.

Universal Screening

- ▶ A universal screener is an assessment tool that is used as the first step in determining whether students are on track for meeting future outcomes/goals or at-risk for learning problems.
- ▶ Universal screeners that are considered effective are quick and efficient to administer and score and also provide valid and reliable information.

Section 31 a Report

- ▶ Modifications were made in the 31 a annual report to address language in the legislation: professional development, early literacy, anti-bullying programs, crisis intervention, and parental engagement.

MTSS Cross Office Team

- ▶ A cross-office team will support and monitor implementation of MTSS and early literacy. Efforts will be coordinated with MDE's early literacy initiative.
- ▶ A reminder that Section 31a does not support expenses related to administrative activities.

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