

MTSS-B District Exploration Team Guidance



What is a District Exploration Team?

A District Exploration Team is a small, executive-level team consisting of district and community leaders, convened to explore and decide whether or not to adopt and implement MTSS-B.

What are the primary functions of the District Exploration Team?

With expert facilitation from an MTSS-B coach, the Exploration Team serves the following key functions:

1. Initiate the MTSS-B Exploration and Adoption phase
2. Establish a shared understanding of MTSS-B
3. Gather and use data to explore need, alignment, capacity, readiness and fit of MTSS-B
4. Decide whether to adopt MTSS-B
5. If the decision is to adopt, outreach to additional stakeholders to develop a District-Community Leadership Team

Who are the core members of the District Exploration Team?

Exploration Team members should possess adequate knowledge and authority to ensure informed decision-making about MTSS-B adoption. At minimum, the Exploration Team should consist of the following types of members.

MEMBER TYPE	EXAMPLES
District-level administrator	Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services Director
Grant Project Director/Manager	Grant manager from relevant funding stream(s), if applicable
School administrator(s)	Principal(s)
School mental health provider	School Counselor, Social Worker, School Psychologist
School board member	Member with knowledge/experience in mental health, if available
Community mental health agency administrator	Executive Director, Children's Director
Administrator(s) from other child serving agencies	Executive Directors or equivalent
Regional Public Health Network	Prevention Coordinator

Who are potential additional members of the District Exploration Team?

Some communities may find it useful to also include one or more representatives from the following:

- ✓ **Family & youth leaders:** Parents/guardians/family members, students/youth, youth organization leaders
- ✓ **Other school-level professionals:** Classroom teachers, existing PBIS team leads
- ✓ **Other district/school leaders:** Wellness Coordinator, Early Childhood/Preschool Coordinator, Title-I/III Coordinators