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District:	
Person(s) Interviewed:	Interviewer(s):

The purpose of this worksheet is to provide a tool for collecting relevant information and recording a district's rating on various items related to Georgia's Tiered System of Supports for Students implementation. Descriptions of rating for each item are provided on Georgia's Tiered System of Supports for Students Implementation Rubric.

Information about district-level implementation may be collected through interviews with district and school personnel and through observations and document review. After all of the information has been collected, use your notes and the Rubric to rate the district on each item. The Rubric provides a five-point rating scale and descriptions of practices that would score a 1, 3, or 5. Data collectors may assign the district a rating of 2 or 4 if the information collected suggests the district falls between the rubric descriptions. For example, if the reviewer judges a district to be performing at a level higher than the Rubric describes for a 3 rating but not quite at the level described for a 5, then the reviewer should rate the district as performing at a 4.







Item	Sample Interview Questions	Comments/ Remarks	Ratings
	a's Tiered System of Supports for Students framework accurately lomes or challenging behaviors.	identifies students in need of enrichment/acce	eleration and students at risk of
Screening Tools	What tools do you use for screening (probe across content areas and/or domains)?	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle)
	Does your district select or recommend screening tools for the schools to use?	Evidence Sources:	Justification for rating
	How much attention was given to the vendor's evidence regarding the validity and reliability?		
	How accurately does the screening tool predict student to be at-risk or need for acceleration or enrichment?	Recommendations:	
	Does the district have documentation from the vendor that these tools have been shown to be valid, reliable, and accurate with subgroups in your school?		
	Does staff understand how the tool is intended to be used?		
	Can district staff provide evidence of the technical adequacy		
	(i.e., reliability, validity, classification accuracy) of the tools?		





Assessments –	Screening, progress monitoring, and other supporting asses	ssments are used to inform data-based de	cision making
Item	Sample Interview Questions	Comments/ Remarks	Ratings
Universal Screening	Describe the process for conducting universal screening in your schools at the elementary, middle and high school level? To what extent is this process consistently followed?	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle)
	Are all students screened?	Evidence Sources:	Justification for rating
	Does the district set or do the schools set a well-defined cut score or decision point to identify students at risk?		
	How do you ensure that administration of screening assessments follows the developer's guidelines?	Recommendations:	
	How many times during the year are students screened?		
Data Points to Verify Risk	Is additional information used to verify that the results of the initial screening are accurate before placing a student in Tier II: Secondary-Level Intervention or Tier III: Tertiary-	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle) Justification for rating
	Level Intensive Intervention? If so, what other types of assessment data are used?	Evidence Sources:	Justification for fating
	Do you ensure that school staff use other data sources? If yes, what is your process for ensuring that they are using other data sources?		
	other data sources:	Recommendations:	







Progress Monitoring – Ongoing and frequent monitoring of progress quantifies rates of improvement and informs instructional practice and the development of individualized programs. Measures are appropriate for the student's grade and/or skill level.

Progress Monitoring Tools	What tools do your schools – elementary, middle and high - use for progress monitoring (probe across content areas	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle)
	and/or domains)?		Justification for rating
	How may alternate forms of equal difficulty are available?	Evidence Sources:	
	Does the vendor provide a scoring manual or other information that specified minimal acceptable growth? Benchmarks for minimum acceptable end-of-year		
	performance?	Recommendations:	
	Did district staff consider the evidence from the vendor regarding the validity, reliability, and accuracy of the progress monitoring tool(s) when selecting it/them?		
	Does your district have documentation from the vendor that the tool(s) have been shown to be valid, reliable, and accurate with subgroups in your school?		
	Are the tools valid for use with student populations similar to those in your schools/district?		
	Can district staff articulate the evidence supporting the rigor of the tool(s)?		







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Progress- Monitoring Process	Describe the process used for progress monitoring in your district.	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle)
	How often is the progress of students in Tier II: Secondary Level-Intervention monitored?	Evidence Sources:	Justification for rating
	How often is the progress of students in Tier III: Tertiary- Level Intensive Intervention monitored?		
	Does monitoring occur with sufficient frequency to show a trend in academic progress over time?	Recommendations:	
	How closely does administration of the progress monitoring tool(s) follow the developer's guidelines?		
	To what extent is this process consistently followed?		
	Are there differences in the process for different students? If so, describe these differences.		
	Is there anything about the process that would jeopardize the accuracy of the results? If so, please describe.		







Data-Based Decision Making – Data-based decision making processes are used to inform instruction, determine movement within the multi-level prevention system, and for disability identification (in accordance with state law).

Item	Sample Interview Questions	Comments/ Remarks	Ratings
Decision-Making Process	Describe how decisions are made to increase the intensity of instruction and/or intervention in your schools.	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle)
	To what extent are the screening, progress monitoring, and other assessment data used to inform instruction at all tiers, including the core instruction?	Evidence Sources:	Justification for rating
	What data are used to inform those decisions, and how are they used?	December and etions.	
	Who is involved in decision making?	Recommendations:	
	What written criteria and guidelines are used for making decisions?		
	Do your schools use consistent decision making rules for all students?		
	Do your schools use disaggregated data to support decision making rules for all students/subgroups?		
	How do you ensure that your schools are consistently using disaggregated data to support decision making rules for all students/groups?		
	Do you have reason to believe that the decision-making process may be subject to bias or inappropriate influence? Explain your thinking.		







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Data System	Is there a data system for collecting student academic data,	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5
	behavior data, screening data, progress monitoring data,		(please circle)
	and other forms of data in a timely manner in your schools?		
	If so, please describe.		Justification for rating
		Evidence Sources:	
	How easy is it for stakeholders to access individual student-		
	level data? Describe.		
		Recommendations:	
	Is the system used consistently across school staff?		
	Do your schools have a system for organizing student		
	academic, behavior, screening, progress monitoring, and		
	other forms of data in tables and graphs? If so, please		
	describe.		
	How does the data system facilitate or support setting and		
	evaluating goals?		
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	Are instructional decisions made about students tracked in		
	the data system or through another method (including		
	movement between tiers)?		







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Responsiveness to	Describe how your schools make decisions about	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5
Secondary and	responsiveness to Tier II: Secondary-Level Intervention or		(please circle)
Tertiary Levels of	Tier III: Tertiary-Level Intensive Intervention.		
Intervention	 Are progress monitoring data used? 		Justification for rating
	How is baseline performance established?	Evidence Sources:	
	 What goal setting method is used (e.g., end-of-year benchmarks, rate of improvement, intra- individual)? 	Recommendations:	
	 Are rates or norms provided by the vendor/developer? 		
	 Are decision rules published to support goal setting and adjustments to interventions? 		
	 Are the criteria implemented accurately and consistently? 		







Multi-level Instruction/Prevention – The tiered system includes a school-wide, multi-level system of instruction and interventions for preventing school failure. **Comments/Remarks** Item **Sample Interview Questions Ratings** Primary Level - Instruction/Core Curriculum (Tier I) Research-Based Does the district select or recommend core instructional Notes: Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle) Curriculum materials to schools? **Materials** Justification for rating Describe Tier I: Primary-Level Instruction (core curriculum) **Evidence Sources:** materials. What research is provided for the target population of learners (including subgroups)? Recommendations: When the district or school selected its core instructional materials, how much attention was paid to the research? **Articulation of** Describe the process that supports the articulation of Notes: Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 teaching and learning from one grade to another in your (please circle) Teaching and Learning (in and schools. Justification for rating **Evidence Sources:** across grade Describe the process that supports the articulation of levels) teaching and learning among teachers in the same grade in vour schools. Recommendations: How consistent is the learning experience among students with different teachers in the same grade and subject from



school to school?





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Differentiated	To what extent do teachers differentiate instruction for	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle)
Instruction	students on, below or above grade level in your schools?		(pieuse circle)
	To what extent do teachers use student data to identify and address the needs of students?	Evidence Sources:	Justification for rating
	To what extent do teachers use knowledge of student readiness, language, and culture to offer students in the same class different teaching and learning strategies to address student needs?	Recommendations:	
	How consistent is this effort among the teaching staff?		
Standards-Based	To what extent is the core curriculum in reading and mathematics aligned to state standards?	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle)
	Are the instructional materials aligned to the standards? Are model or sample lessons and activities that demonstrate effective teaching of the standards available to teachers?	Evidence Sources:	Justification for rating
	Have teachers been trained in the content of the standards and how to use that content within their lessons?	Recommendations:	
	Are teachers utilizing their training and aligning their instruction to these standards?		
	How do you ensure that new teachers or those who need extra support have access to training?		







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Exceeding Benchmarks	Are programs and activities provided to enrich or accelerate the curriculum for students exceeding benchmarks (this is not just for gifted students)? If so, please describe.	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle)
	Are there opportunities for enrichment and/or acceleration to students at each grade level in all schools?	Evidence Sources:	Justification for rating
		Recommendations:	
Secondary Level - I (Tier II)	Intervention		
Evidence-Based Intervention	What program(s) at the elementary, middle and high school level are used for Tier II: Secondary- Level Intervention?	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle)
	How were these programs selected?	Evidence Sources:	Justification for rating
	Have these programs demonstrated efficacy with the target populations (e.g., has research shown that the interventions positively impact student achievement)?	Recommendations:	







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Sample Interview Questions	Comments/Remarks	Ratings
How do instructors of Tier II: Secondary- Level Intervention	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5
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support the learning objectives of the core curriculum?	Evidence Sources:	Justification for Fating
	Recommendations:	
At Tier II: Secondary-Level Intervention, are interventions	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle)
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announces.	Evidence Sources:	· ·
Is Tier II: Secondary- Level Intervention always led by staff		
adequately trained to implement the interventions with fidelity?		
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If not, who provides Tier II: Secondary- Level Intervention and what is their background?		
Is Tier II: Secondary- Level Intervention conducted with the		
optimal group size and dosage for the age and needs of		
students? What is used to determine dosage and group size?		
	How do instructors of Tier II: Secondary- Level Intervention ensure that the content they address is well aligned with core instruction and incorporates foundational skills that support the learning objectives of the core curriculum? At Tier II: Secondary-Level Intervention, are interventions standardized and evidence-based? And are they provided in a prescribed manner to all students with similar learning difficulties? Is Tier II: Secondary- Level Intervention always led by staff adequately trained to implement the interventions with fidelity? If not, who provides Tier II: Secondary- Level Intervention and what is their background? Is Tier II: Secondary- Level Intervention conducted with the optimal group size and dosage for the age and needs of students? What is used to determine dosage and group	How do instructors of Tier II: Secondary- Level Intervention ensure that the content they address is well aligned with core instruction and incorporates foundational skills that support the learning objectives of the core curriculum? At Tier II: Secondary-Level Intervention, are interventions standardized and evidence-based? And are they provided in a prescribed manner to all students with similar learning difficulties? Is Tier II: Secondary- Level Intervention always led by staff adequately trained to implement the interventions with fidelity? If not, who provides Tier II: Secondary- Level Intervention and what is their background? Is Tier II: Secondary- Level Intervention conducted with the optimal group size and dosage for the age and needs of students? What is used to determine dosage and group







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Item	Sample Interview Questions	Comments/Remarks	Ratings
Addition to Primary	Is Tier II: Secondary- Level Intervention always implemented as a supplement to the core curriculum for all students including students with disabilities (SWD) and English	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle)
	Learners (ELs)?	Evidence Sources:	Justification for rating
	If not, please explain.		
		Recommendations:	
Tertiary-Level (Inter	sive) Intervention (Tier III) Individualized with a focus on the o	academic and behavioral needs of recommend	ded students.
Data-Based Interventions	How are evidence-based interventions intensified or individualized at the Tier III: Tertiary-Level to address	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle)
Adapted Based on Student Need	individual student needs?	Evidence Sources:	Justification for rating
	How are interventions selected for Tier III: Tertiary-Level Intervention?		
	How are the interventions used at Tier III: Tertiary-Level developed?	Recommendations:	
	Does the decision-making team use an iterative process to adapt and intensify interventions to meet the individual needs of the students at each school?		
	Are the intensive (tertiary) level interventions more intensive than the secondary? If so, how are the intensive (tertiary) ones more intensive?		





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Instructional Characteristics	Describe an example of a student experiencing Tier III: Tertiary-Level Intervention.	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle)
	Who provides Tier III: Tertiary-Level Intervention? Can you describe their background and level of training in providing data-based individualized instruction?	Evidence Sources:	Justification for rating
	What is used to determine dosage and group size of Tier III: Tertiary-Level Intervention?	Recommendations:	
	Does the group size allow for the interventionist to individualize instruction to address the needs of each student?		
Relationship to Primary	Are intensive interventions always implemented as supplements to the core curriculum in your schools? If not, please explain.	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle) Justification for rating
	How does the district ensure that a student receiving Tier III: Tertiary-Level Intensive Intervention also receives Tier I Instruction/Core Curriculum?	Evidence Sources:	
	How do you ensure intensive interventions are aligned to the specific skill needs of the student to help him/her make progress toward core curriculum standards in your schools?	Recommendations:	







Infrastructure – Knowledge, resources, and organizational structures necessary to operationalize all components of Georgia's Tiered System of Supports for Students in a unified system to meet the established goals.

Item	Sample Interview Questions	Comments/Remarks	Ratings
Prevention Focus	To what extent do you believe district staff view a Tiered	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5
	System of Supports for Students as the primary means to		(please circle)
	prevent students from having academic and/or behavioral		
	problems?		Justification for rating
		Evidence Sources:	
	What portion of the district staff view a Tiered System of		
	Supports for Students as a pre-referral process (e.g. the		
	means to refer a student for evaluation to consider special		
	education services)?	Recommendations:	
Leadership	To what extent do the actions taken and decisions made by		Rating: 1 2 3 4 5
Personnel	district administrators proactively support the essential	Notes:	(please circle)
	components of Georgia's Tiered System of Supports for		
	Students?		Justification for rating
	To what extent do the actions taken and decisions made by	Evidence Sources:	
	school administrators proactively support the essential		
	components of Georgia's Tiered System of Supports for		
	Students?		
	What actions and decisions of district leaders help make the	Recommendations:	
	framework more effective? Describe.	necommendations.	
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	What actions and decisions of school leaders help make the		
	framework more effective? Describe.		
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	Does the district have a designated person who oversees		
	and manages the implementation of a Tiered System of		
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	Supports for Students? If yes, what percentage of that		1





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	person's time is devoted to overseeing and managing this framework?		
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ltem	Sample Interview Questions	Comments/Remarks	Ratings
School-Based	Has the staff been trained on Georgia's Tiered System of	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5
Professional	Supports for Students and the essential components?		(please circle)
Development	How often is refresher or new training provided?		Justification for rating
	now often is refresher of new training provided:	Evidence Sources:	0
	Is Georgia's Tiered System of Supports for Students training		
	provided to new teachers?		
	What ongoing professional development is made available	Recommendations:	
	to all staff regarding best instructional practices?	Recommendations.	
	What ongoing professional development is made available		
	to all staff regarding data-based decision making?		
	What additional ongoing professional development is made		
	available for those who provide secondary-level and tertiary-level intervention?		
Schedules	Does the schedule reflect additional time beyond the core	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5
	for secondary and tertiary-level intervention?		(please circle)
	How do you know that students who are scheduled to		Justification for rating
	receive secondary or tertiary-level intervention are	Evidence Sources:	
	receiving the prescribed dosage?		
	Is there time scheduled for teacher collaboration on		
	instruction and interventions?	Recommendations:	







	Are all the pertinent teachers and interventionists available		
	for these collaborative meetings?		
Infrastructure–	· Knowledge, resources, and organizational structures neces	sary to operationalize all components of G	Georgia's Tiered System of
Supports for Stude	ents in a unified system to meet the established goals.		
Item	Sample Interview Questions	Comments/Remarks	Ratings
Resources	Are there adequate materials, programs, and personnel resources allocated to support interventions, assessments and professional development?	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle)
	Do the programs and materials match the needs of the students at each level of prevention?	Evidence Sources:	Justification for rating
	Is there a district level process for monitoring the use of resources?	Recommendations:	
Cultural and Linguistic Responsiveness	What efforts have been made to ensure that instructional practices at Tier I, II and III are culturally and linguistically relevant?	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle)
•		Evidence Sources:	Justification for rating
	What efforts have been made to ensure that assessments are culturally and linguistically relevant?		
		Recommendations:	
	How are the demographic, academic, and behavior data of subgroups represented in the district considered when implementing Georgia's Tiered System of Supports for		
	Students?		
Communication With and	Are families knowledgeable about Georgia's Tiered System of Supports for Students?	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle)
Involvement of Families	Describe how your district communicates with families about Georgia's Tiered System of Supports for Students and student performance.	Evidence Sources:	Justification for rating







How are families involved in decision making regarding the participation of their child in secondary-level or tertiary-level intervention?	Recommendations:	
How are families of students at the secondary or tertiary-level informed of their children's progress?		

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Communication With and Involvement of All	Are teachers in your district knowledgeable about Georgia's Tiered System of Supports for Students?	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle)
Staff	Does your district have a Tiered System of Supports for Students team? Which roles are represented on the team? Describe how you communicate with staff to inform them of the structures and processes that are in place to guide decisions within the district's Tiered System of Supports for Students? What district-level processes are in place to ensure teachers of students at the secondary-level or tertiary-level of intervention are informed of their students' progress in the intervention? What process does your district use to ensure time is set	Evidence Sources: Recommendations:	Justification for rating
The desired	aside for teams to meet regularly?	New	D. I
Tiered System of Supports for Students	Does the district have a Tiered System of Supports for Students team? If so: - Who composes that team?	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 (please circle)
Implementation Teams	 How often does the team meet? Are there established processes and protocols that help the team work effectively? What are they? 	Evidence Sources:	Justification for rating







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	How does the team communicate and collaborate with other staff?	Recommendations:	
Fidelity and Fv	aluation – System for collecting and analyzing data	to measure fidelity and effectiveness of	the Georgia's Tiered
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Fidelity	Are procedures in place at the district level to monitor the	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5
ridelity	fidelity of implementation of the core curriculum? Of	Notes.	(please circle)
	secondary-level intervention? Of tertiary-level intensive		(picuse energy
	intervention? If so, please describe.		Justification for rating
	intervention: it so, please describe.	Evidence Sources:	Justilled Hot Futing
	Are precedures in place at the district level to monitor the	Evidence Sources.	
	Are procedures in place at the district level to monitor the		
	processes of administering and analyzing assessments (i.e., screening and progress monitoring)? If so, please describe.		
	screening and progress monitoring): it so, please describe.		
	Does the evidence indicate that instruction, interventions,	Recommendations:	
	and assessments are implemented with fidelity?		
Evaluation	How is Georgia's Tiered System of Supports for Students	Notes:	Rating: 1 2 3 4 5
	framework evaluated?		(please circle)
	 Is a plan in place to evaluate short and long-term 		
	goals?		Justification for rating
	- Is a process in place for reviewing student-level data	Evidence Sources:	
	to evaluate effectiveness of the framework (i.e.,		
	core curriculum is effective, interventions are		
	effective, screening process is effective)?		
	- Does the process include review of data for all		
	students and for subgroups of students?	Recommendations:	
	- Is a process in place to evaluate implementation		
	fidelity?		







- Are teachers and interventionists involved in giving	
and receiving feedback on the effectiveness of the	
programs and materials?	
- Who is involved in evaluating the implementation	
to monitor fidelity and efficiency across all	
components of the framework?	