Universal Screening Guide

Implementing behavioral screening systems

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What is Universal Screening?

Universal screening systematically assesses ALL students for behavioral/social-emotional risk, allowing early identification and intervention before problems become severe.

Screening Implementation Checklist

Planning Phase

- [ ] Leadership support secured
- [ ] Screening tool selected (validated, appropriate)
- [ ] Timeline established (fall, winter, spring)
- [ ] Staff training scheduled
- [ ] Parent notification planned
- [ ] Data system prepared

Tool Selection Criteria

- [ ] Validated for your population
- [ ] Efficient to administer
- [ ] Provides actionable data
- [ ] Integrates with MTSS framework
- [ ] Cost-effective

Common Screening Tools

Tool	Type	Time	Focus
SRSS-IE	Teacher rating	2-5 min	Externalizing/Internalizing
BESS	Multi-rater	5-10 min	Broad behavioral
SDQ	Multi-rater	5 min	Strengths & difficulties
SAEBRS	Teacher rating	1-3 min	Social-emotional

Using Screening Data

1. Identify students at risk (score above cut-off)
2. Gather additional data on at-risk students
3. Match intervention intensity to risk level
4. Monitor progress more frequently for at-risk
5. Re-screen at next benchmark period

Risk Tiers

Tier	Risk Level	Action
Tier 1	Low risk	Universal supports; continue monitoring
Tier 2	Moderate risk	Targeted intervention; increase monitori
Tier 3	High risk	Intensive intervention; individual plann

Family Communication

- [ ] Inform families of screening purpose and process
- [ ] Explain how data is used
- [ ] Share results with concern for individual students
- [ ] Connect to intervention supports

Pro Tip

Screening identifies risk, not diagnosis. Students flagged need additional assessment to determine appropriate supports.

Integrated Screening Data

Classroom Pulse integrates with your screening data to provide comprehensive student profiles.

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