

Special Education Words to Know:

Behavior Support Plan / Functional Behavior Assessment / Behavior Intervention Plan

BSP

Behavior Support Plan

What is it and why is it done?

- A BSP is a plan to address behaviors impacting any child's learning.

Who creates the plan and how long does it take?

- A BSP is developed by the school counselor and/or Behavior Health Specialist, along with parent and teacher input.
- It takes about 2 weeks to finish.

What you should know:

- Information is collected about social interactions, attendance, following the rules, self-advocacy, etc.
- A BSP can be used by all teachers, aides, school staff and parents to use consistent language, actions and responses to behaviors.
- An FBA is not needed to create an effective BSP.
- If the BSP is not working, the IEP team can decide to do an FBA and BIP.

FBA

Functional Behavior Assessment

What is it and why is it done?

- An FBA is an evaluation tool used to understand the context and function of behaviors impacting learning.

Who does the evaluation and how long does it take?

- A Licensed Psychologist, LBA or a qualified individual under supervision can conduct an FBA.
- It follows the 60-day timeline under IEP evaluations and parents must sign a consent.

What you should know:

- Information is collected from school staff and parents to write the FBA.
- An FBA does not mean your child will automatically receive ABA services.
- An FBA can be used to create a BSP, even if the child does not need ABA supports & services.

BIP

Behavior Intervention Plan

What is it and why is it done?

- A BIP address behaviors impacting learning, using data from the FBA.
- It can also be called an ABA plan.

Who creates the plan and how long does it take?

- A Licensed Psychologist, LBA or a qualified individual under supervision can conduct an FBA.
- It should be completed about 2 weeks after the FBA report is submitted.

What you should know:

- A BIP tells the teacher, ABA professional and parents what actions to take to improve or replace a behavior that is impacting learning.
- It includes strategies to help the child meet their positive behavior support goals.
- A BIP can include a crisis intervention plan if needed.

