

UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION PLANS (BIPS)

Every child deserves a chance to learn skills, feel belonging, and thrive!

What is a BIP?

It is not a punishment — it's a plan to help a child succeed

- Understand why certain behaviors are happening
- Teach your child new skills to express needs in healthy ways
- Create a safe, positive, and predictable environment
- Prevent behavior problems before they start

Why Behavior Happens?

- Before a BIP is made, the team does a Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) to find the root cause of the behavior:
- Is it: To gain, control, or avoid?
- Two students may show the same behavior but for very different reasons. Understanding the function helps the child be supported in ways that work



What's in a BIP?

- Clear, positive goals for a child/student
- Strategies staff will use to teach replacement skills
- Tools to prevent challenging behaviors before they happen
- Consistent reactions and responses from adults to keep the child supported and safe
- Data tracking to see what's working and what needs to change

Why BIPs Matter?

When done well, a BIP can mean the difference between:

- Suspension and support
- Punishment and understanding
- Exclusion and inclusion



Any student who needs extra support with behavior – no diagnosis, IEP, or 504 plan required.