

Caregiver's Common Questions Regarding Behavior Intervention Plans (BIP):

When would a student require a BIP?	Upon the completion of a Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) that identifies that the student would benefit from intensive individualized behavior supports.
What is the timeline for completing a BIP?	A BIP should be completed within a reasonable timeframe from the date the FBA is completed.
Do I need to have an Individual Education Program (IEP) meeting to change a BIP?	The BIP goals are recommended to be included in the IEP as behavior goals. Substantive changes to the BIP such as modifying goals or direct behavioral services require an IEP meeting to change. Minor changes to the BIP including, but not limited to, changing reinforcers or modifying intervention strategies typically do not require a formal IEP meeting.
Can I request that my student's BIP be updated?	As a member of the child's IEP team, you can request to have an IEP meeting at any time to review data related to the behavior goals, target behaviors, and identified strategies.
How often should the BIP be reviewed and updated?	The BIP should be reviewed: » at least annually during an IEP meeting, and/or » any time a parent/guardian requests an IEP meeting to discuss the BIP.
What updates may be made to a BIP?	When making updates to the BIP, consider: » reviewing data from identified targeted behaviors, » updating topography (i.e., what the behaviors look like) of behavior, » identifying progress on goals based on data, » updating strategies and interventions that have been successful, and/or » removing strategies that have not been successful.
How will I know if the BIP is effective?	Continued data collection will support the team in determining if the current BIP is effective in supporting the student and reducing behaviors that negatively impact their learning and participation during the school day.
Who will contact me if the BIP is not effective?	If the BIP is not effective or the team feels that updates might need to be addressed, a member of the IEP team may call a meeting to discuss the possibility of making edits to the BIP.
Will staff be trained on the BIP?	Staff who interact regularly with the student will be trained to use the intervention strategies outlined within the BIP.
What are replacement behaviors?	Replacement behaviors are taught as an alternative behavior for the individual to meet their need(s) rather than to engage in targeted behavior(s).
Resources	State Guidelines for FBA/BIP