

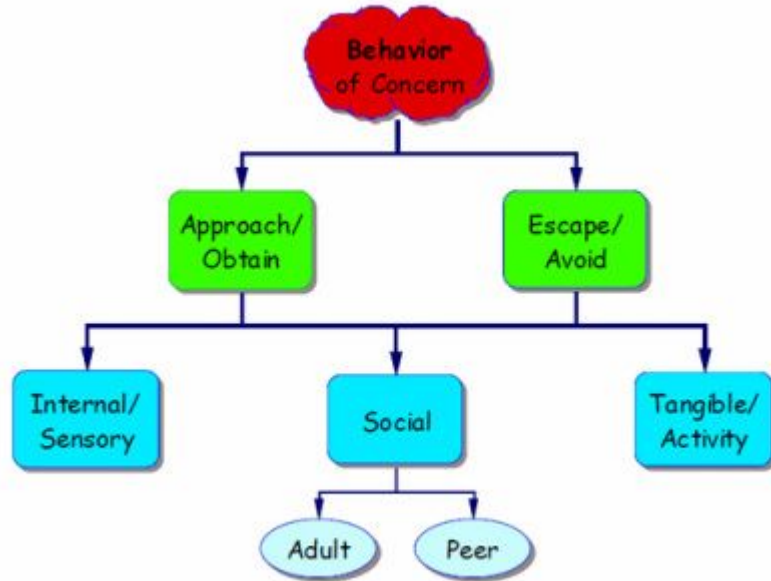
# What is a Functional Behavior Assessment?

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# Introduction Of Functional Behavior Assessment

A Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) is a process used to identify specific target behaviors, understand why they occur, and develop an intervention plan to address them. It is a problem-solving process for addressing student behavior.

Function Chart



# What FBA Includes

An FBA involves gathering information about the student, including a description of the concerning behaviors, when and where they occur, what happens right before or after the behaviors, and situations that make the behaviors more or less likely. The student's skills, abilities, and support systems are also examined.



The information collected is used to develop a hypothesis about the functions, or reasons, the behavior is occurring. Common functions include gaining attention, escaping/avoiding an unpleasant task or situation, or gaining access to a desired item or activity. Understanding the function helps develop a behavior intervention plan (BIP) to teach alternative behaviors to meet the same need in an appropriate way.



# Final Point

An FBA is required by law when addressing behaviors resulting from a disability that impacts a student's ability to access their education. It ensures discipline decisions consider if the behavior was a manifestation of the disability. The process helps understand behavior so it can be constructively addressed rather than punished.

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