**Behavior Contracting**<http://www.escambia.k12.fl.us/pbis/rtib/>

**What is it?**

A behavior contract is an agreement between the child and teacher and often includes the student's parent/guardian(s). The behavior contract is a written agreement about how the individual will behave. It will indicate the appropriate consequence should the student neglect to behave according to the contract and it also identifies a reinforcer to be used for successful compliance. The behavior contract provides the student with structure and self-management. The behavior contract is often an effective form of behavior modification.

**What it looks like:**

The contract should be written with the student and teacher - collaboration. It would be wise to involve the parent under certain circumstances. The contract should include the following:

* The goal. (Will only speak when called on, will keep hands to self, will turn in 90% of homework assignments, etc.)
* How will the student receive the reward? (Become the teacher's monitor after completing 5 assignments on time etc.)
* What is the consequence should the child not adhere to the behavior described in the contract?
* Time should be clearly stated in the contract. You may choose a half day, a full day, a week etc.
* Define who and how the behavior will be monitored. (teacher initials, stickers, check mark system etc.)
* Set a date for reviewing the contract

**Resources:**

* http://flpbs.fmhi.usf.edu/
* http://specialed.about.com/cs/behaviordisorders/a/behaviorcontrac.htm
* http://specialed.about.com/cs/behaviordisorders/a/behavcontract.htm
* http://www.teachervision.fen.com/classroom-discipline/resource/5806.html