

Conditional Antecedents

Conditional antecedents are conditions that exist inside or outside of the school or the classroom that increase the likelihood that a behavior will occur. These conditions are not necessarily in the control of school personnel.

Examples:

- Oversleeping
- Medication or lack of medication
 - Hunger
 - Poor nutrition
- Ongoing conflict with a particular person outside of school
 - Lack of sleep
- Tensions related to family problems such as divorce, substance abuse, finances, etc.
 - Medical conditions
- Being bullied routinely by peer(s)
 - Abuse

Situational Antecedents

Situational antecedents are specific situations that trigger a behavior. These situations may be unique or consistent activities that occur. These situations can be manipulated or planned for by school staff in order to prevent behavior.

Examples:

- Changes to regularly scheduled events due to bomb threats, fire drills, etc.
 - Teasing/sarcasm/threats
 - Challenged by others
 - Assemblies
 - DEAR Time
 - Field trips to the zoo
 - Substitute teacher
- Certain groups or students getting together
- Particular academic tasks that evoke anxiety or frustration