

Use Students' Interests as Rewards



Student Interview

Ask questions about their likes and dislikes. Give a list of choices and ask which they would most like to earn.

Ask questions such as:

- What are your favorite activities at school?
- What are your favorite things to do after school and on the weekends?
- What are your favorite subjects in school?
- What do you like to do with your friends?

Informational Interview

Interview a few individuals who know the student well.

Ask open-ended questions such as:

- If left alone, what would the student do?
- What does the student like to do with others?
- What activities help the student feel calm?
- What activities help the student stay focused?
- Where does the student like to go?

Direct Observation

- Give the student access to a wide range of activities
- Provide enough time for the student to explore the different activities
- Do not make any demands or restrictions during this time
- Document how long the student spends with each activity
- Note where the student spends the most time

Systematic Assessment

Use if interviews and direct observation are not helpful.

This assessment requires the most effort and is the most accurate. It should be done by a professional with training for this assessment.

TIP

Reassess a student's preferences frequently, as they are likely to change over time.