**When and How To Collect –   
FREQUENCY DATA**

**When to use Frequency Data–**

* Frequency data should be collected when you are trying to record how many times a student engages in a target behavior. How many times does the target behavior occur?
* Example – How many times John curses in a day or how many times John spits in a day.
* It can be subdivided into periods, settings, times of the day (before lunch v. after lunch) or collected over the course of the entire day.

**How to Collect Frequency Data –**

* Record date at the top of the data collection sheet.
* Record target behavior(s) in the designated areas labeled *Behavior 1, 2, or 3*. Behaviors should be specific and well defined.
* Record the class or setting the student is currently in at the time you have the data collection sheet.
* Each time the student engages in the target behavior(s) place a *Tally Mark* under the corresponding target behavior.