



# DAPE Stand Alone Assessment Guidance

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## Legal Basis

During the 2024 legislative session, the Developmental Adapted Physical Education (DAPE) stand-alone assessment for students with disabilities was passed and put into law, effective July 1, 2024. The new law allows for a DAPE evaluation to be conducted for a student with an individualized education program (IEP) as a stand-alone, without requiring a comprehensive evaluation.

As stated in the law: **Developmental adapted physical education assessment** - A school district may conduct an assessment for developmental adapted physical education, as defined in Minnesota Rules, part 3525.1352, as a stand-alone evaluation without conducting a comprehensive evaluation of the student in accordance with prior written notice provisions in section 125A.091, subdivision 3(a). A parent or guardian may request that a school district conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the parent's or guardian's student.

## Stand-Alone DAPE Assessment

A stand-alone DAPE assessment should be completed when there are concerns that a student receiving special education services is having difficulty accessing, meaningfully/safely participating, and/or meeting the standards in their physical education class.

\*This is an option for students who are already in special education. DAPE eligibility requires that a student meets the criteria for a primary disability.

\*Bring Concern to Child Study to discuss and determine evaluation needs

\*This should ONLY be completed when there are solely concerns with Physical Education. If there are additional concerns (e.g. speech, social-emotional, etc.) then the student should undergo a comprehensive evaluation

\*Case manager and DAPE Teacher collaborate on writing the PWN/Evaluation Plan

## Steps to Complete a Stand-Alone DAPE Assessment

Create an Evaluation Plan/PWN using same forms as a typical assessment

Complete the DAPE evaluation within 30 school days

Write up results on the Stand Alone D/APE Assessment Form on SpEd Forms; not a full ER

Amend the annual IEP to add in DAPE services and goals

This does not change the date of the ER



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## Template for Stand-Alone DAPE Evaluation

**SpEd Forms** [Search]

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MAWSECO Millie > SpEd Forms

MAWSECO Millie is a resident of 2854. Please ensure the appropriate notice and/or forms are provided to 2854.

Plan: [IEP] **REFERRAL AND EVALUATION**

- ECSE Referral for screening/evaluation
- ECSE Child outcomes summary form
- Notice of a team meeting [?] [SP] [HM] [SO]
- Record of a team meeting
- Eval./Reeval. Plan Prior Written Notice (PWN) [SP] [HM] [SO]
- Notice of Agreement that a 3 Year Reevaluation is Not Needed [SP] [HM] [SO]
- Notice of proposed screening: IDEA Part B – ECSE
- Stand-alone Developmental Adapted Physical Education (DAPE) Assessment**
- Evaluation Report (ER) [?]
- Procedural Safeguards [SP] [HM] [SO]