



# What is the APERS?



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The Autism Program Environment Rating Scale (APERS) is an assessment tool used to evaluate the quality of educational environments and programs for students with autism.

## WHAT DOES IT MEASURE?

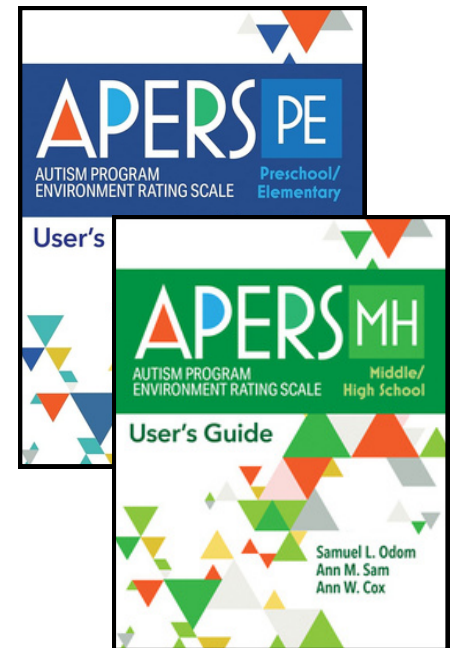
It measures various aspects of the educational setting, including physical environment, curriculum and instruction, communication, social and emotional development, and staff/student interactions.

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

The APERS helps identify strengths and areas for improvement, guiding educators in creating supportive, effective, and inclusive learning environments for autistic students.

## HOW CAN WE HELP?

- At Project Access, our team members are expertly trained to score the Autism Program Environment Rating Scale (APERS). This comprehensive assessment takes approximately 3.5 hours to complete and involves both in-person observations and interviews within your school setting. Following the assessment, we collaborate with your special education administrator to develop a professional development (PD) plan tailored to enhance your program's effectiveness.
- Additionally, we offer specialized training for administrators and teacher dyads to understand the key components of a high-quality program according to APERS standards. This training equips administrators with the knowledge to identify essential program elements and provides strategies to support teachers in obtaining the necessary resources. By partnering with Project Access, your school can ensure a supportive, effective, and inclusive learning environment for students with autism. [Sign up here!](#)



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