

health condition signed by a licensed physician or a licensed health care provider acting within the scope of the provider's practice. The student's needs and the special education instruction and services to be provided must be agreed upon through the development of an individualized education program. The program must address the student's need to develop skills to live and work as independently as possible within the community. The individualized education program team must consider positive behavioral interventions, strategies, and supports that address behavior needs for children. During grade 9, the program must address the student's needs for transition from secondary services to postsecondary education and training, employment, community participation, recreation, and leisure and home living. In developing the program, districts must inform parents of the full range of transitional goals and related services that should be considered. The program must include a statement of the needed transition services, including a statement of the interagency responsibilities or linkages or both before secondary services are concluded. If the individualized education program meets the plan components in section 120B.125, the individualized education program satisfies the requirement and no additional transition plan is needed~~;~~. The individualized education program may report the student's performance on general state or districtwide assessments related to the student's educational needs;

(2) children with a disability under age five and their families are provided special instruction and services appropriate to the child's level of functioning and needs;

(3) children with a disability and their parents or guardians are guaranteed procedural safeguards and the right to participate in decisions involving identification, assessment including assistive technology assessment, and educational placement of children with a disability;

(4) eligibility and needs of children with a disability are determined by an initial evaluation or reevaluation, which may be completed using existing data under United States Code, title 20, section 33, et seq.;

(5) to the maximum extent appropriate, children with a disability, including those in public or private institutions or other care facilities, are educated with children who are not disabled, and that special classes, separate schooling, or other removal of children with a disability from the regular educational environment occurs only when and to the extent that the nature or severity of the disability is such that education in regular classes with the use of supplementary services cannot be achieved satisfactorily;

(6) in accordance with recognized professional standards, testing and evaluation materials, and procedures used for the purposes of classification and placement of children with a

3.1 disability are selected and administered so as not to be racially or culturally discriminatory;
3.2 and

3.3 (7) the rights of the child are protected when the parents or guardians are not known or
3.4 not available, or the child is a ward of the state.

3.5 (c) For all paraprofessionals employed to work in programs whose role in part is to
3.6 provide direct support to students with disabilities, the school board in each district shall
3.7 ensure that:

3.8 (1) before or beginning at the time of employment, each paraprofessional must develop
3.9 sufficient knowledge and skills in emergency procedures, building orientation, roles and
3.10 responsibilities, confidentiality, vulnerability, and reportability, among other things, to begin
3.11 meeting the needs, especially disability-specific and behavioral needs, of the students with
3.12 whom the paraprofessional works;

3.13 (2) annual training opportunities are required to enable the paraprofessional to continue
3.14 to further develop the knowledge and skills that are specific to the students with whom the
3.15 paraprofessional works, including understanding disabilities, the unique and individual
3.16 needs of each student according to the student's disability and how the disability affects the
3.17 student's education and behavior, following lesson plans, and implementing follow-up
3.18 instructional procedures and activities; and

3.19 (3) a districtwide process obligates each paraprofessional to work under the ongoing
3.20 direction of a licensed teacher and, where appropriate and possible, the supervision of a
3.21 school nurse.

3.22 Sec. 2. **INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM; RULE AMENDMENT.**

3.23 The commissioner of education must amend Minnesota Rules, part 3525.2810, subpart
3.24 2, item A, to allow but not require an individualized education program to report a student's
3.25 performance on general state or districtwide assessments.