Adapted Physical Education

DEFINING
A specially designed physical education program for a student with a documented disability who is unable to meet grade level standards.

An instructional service; not a placement.

A direct educational service; not a related service.

QUALIFYING
A student with a documented disability must demonstrate difficulty (physical, social/emotional, and/or cognitive areas) in meeting grade level standards after interventions have been provided.

Assessment results must indicate the student’s performance as two or more years below grade level.

PROVIDING
In Baltimore County Public Schools, it is the responsibility of the physical education teacher to provide the direct service.

All certified physical education teachers in the state of Maryland can provide adapted physical education.

According to the Maryland State Department of Education, all students in the state of Maryland are required to have a physical education program.

Continuum of Placement for Instruction of Physical Education

Outside general physical education

Combination of inside and outside general physical education

Inside general physical education

Baltimore County Public Schools utilize the consultative model. Adapted Physical Education Resource Teachers are available to assist and support teachers, students, administrators, and parents.

For more information about adapted physical education in Baltimore County Public Schools, contact the Office of Physical Education (443)809-4014.

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