



# Sensory Processing Measure (SPM)



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With the **Sensory Processing Measure (SPM)**, you can now get a complete picture of children's sensory functioning at home, at school, and in the community. Recognising that sensory processing problems often manifest differently in different environments, this set of three integrated rating scales assesses sensory processing, praxis, and social participation in elementary school children. The assessment's unique multi-environment approach lets you see, for example, why a child who functions well in a highly structured classroom may have problems in a more relaxed setting.

Firmly grounded in sensory integration theory, the **SPM** provides norm-referenced standard scores for two higher level integrative functions (praxis and social participation) and five sensory systems (visual, auditory, tactile, proprioceptive, and vestibular functioning). Within each system, it offers descriptive clinical information on processing vulnerabilities, including under- and over-responsiveness, sensory-seeking behaviour, and perceptual problems.

The SPM consists of three forms:

- Home Form
- Main Classroom Form
- School Environments Form

The **Home Form** (75 items) is completed by the child's parent or home-based care provider. The **Main Classroom Form** (62 items) is filled out by the child's primary classroom teacher. And the **School Environments Form** (10 to 15 items per environment) is completed by other school personnel who work with and observe the child. The Home and Main Classroom Forms, each requiring just 15 to 20 minutes, yield eight parallel standard scores:

- Social Participation
- Vision
- Hearing
- Touch
- Body Awareness (proprioception)
- Balance and Motion (vestibular function)
- Planning and Ideas (praxis)
- Total Sensory Systems

Scores for each scale fall into one of three interpretive ranges: Typical, Some Problems, or Definite Dysfunction. In addition, for the first time, an Environment Difference score permits direct comparison of the child's sensory functioning at home and at school. While the scales on the Home and Main Classroom Forms are identical, the items themselves are specific to each environment. Individual item responses reveal how sensory difficulties manifest in these two different settings.

The School Environments Form is provided on an unlimited-use CD. This form lets you look at the child's functioning in six school environments outside of the main classroom: Art Class, Music Class, Physical Education Class, Recess/Playground, Cafeteria, and School Bus. Each environment has its own Rating Sheet, which can be printed and distributed to raters as needed. Each rater can complete his or her 15-item Rating Sheet (10 items for the School Bus setting) in less than 5 minutes. Each Rating Sheet is interpreted using a cut-off score for the environment to which it applies. Scores at or above the cut-offs point indicate that the child is experiencing an unusually high number of sensory processing problems in a given environment. Whether you use one or all six Rating Sheets, the School Environments Form must always be administered in conjunction with the Main Classroom Form; it cannot be used alone.

Because it solicits input from school staff members who are not normally involved in assessment (e.g. the art teacher and school bus driver) the School Environments Form serves a team-building function. It educates school personnel about sensory processing disorders and uses their observations to obtain a more comprehensive picture of the child. The SPM is Comprehensive, Clinically Rich, and Psychometrically Sound.

Whether you're an occupational therapist, psychologist, teacher, social worker, counsellor, physical therapist, speech-language pathologist, or nurse, you'll find the SPM comprehensive and clinically rich. It supplies the information you want and the psychometric integrity you need.

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