

Student Assistance is:

- An Identification Program
- An Intervention Program
- A Support Program
- A Referral Program

Student Assistance is NOT:

- A Counseling Program
- A Discipline Program
- A Drug Program
- A Treatment Program

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Student Assistance Program

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"Together we can succeed when we show we care."

Student Assistance Program

The Student Assistance Program is a concerned group of school personnel who have been trained in a systematic process to identify students who are experiencing barriers to learning. Student Assistance is a state mandated program for all public middle schools, junior high, and high schools in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Parents/Guardians are always included in SAP process when it involves their child.

Mission Statement

To provide a safe, responsive environment to minimize students' learning barriers.

Referring a Student to the SAP Team

If a student experiences a barrier to learning in one or more of the areas listed below, a referral to the Student Assistance Program would be appropriate.

- ◆ Attendance
- ◆ Academic
- ◆ Behavior
- ◆ Health

Who Can Make a Referral?

- ◆ Administrators
- ◆ Faculty/Staff
- ◆ Parents
- ◆ Students

How the Student Assistance Program Works....

1. **IDENTIFICATION**
The SAP team assists school staff with identification and description of behavior that may be a barrier to learning.
2. **INFORMATION GATHERING**
Information is gathered through behavior checklists, school records, meetings with the student (with parental permission), and parent contacts. This information is gathered only to get a better understanding of the student's situation and to identify those options available for dealing with barriers to learning.
3. **REFERRAL SERVICES**
If more specialized assistance or treatment is needed, the SAP team may refer parents to a community or private agency for help.
4. **FOLLOW-UP**
The SAP team maintains communication with a wide range of services to assist students and their families in making use of the appropriate assistance.
5. **SUPPORT**
Some support in the school setting may be needed to help students with the changes they are attempting to make. The SAP team assists with the organization and operation of educational support groups. Groups could include anger management, self-awareness, grief/loss, etc.

Strict rules of confidentiality apply to all phases of the Student Assistance Program.