

WHAT IS SAP?

A SAP team made up of school and agency staff is available to help you access school and community services for your child. In Pennsylvania, every school district is required to have a plan for identifying and assisting students who experience barriers to learning.

Our Middle School West Student Assistance (MSW SAP) Team will help you find services and assistance within the school, and if needed, in the community. We do not diagnose, treat, or refer your child for treatment. We will provide you with information and you make the choice(s) that best fit your needs and wishes. As the parent/guardian you are an important part of the team.

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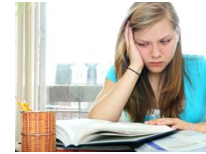
The SAP team information is completely confidential and the team will respect you and your child's privacy at all times.

Do you see your child showing any of these behaviors?

- Withdrawing from family, friends, &/or activities
- Changing friends
- Unexplained physical injuries
- Feeling sad
- Talking about suicide
- Defying authority, both at home and at school
- Acting aggressively
- Hitting
- Lying
- Needing money without a good explanation
- Declining grades
- Experimenting with alcohol or drugs
- Back-talking staff

Are you concerned about your child's reaction to...?

- Recent death of a loved one
- Divorce of parents
- Family relocation
- A relationship problem
- Bullying
- Other traumatic event



WORRIED ABOUT



YOUR CHILD?



**The Student Assistance
Program (SAP) can help
children experiencing
barriers to learning.**

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HOW DOES MY CHILD BECOME INVOLVED IN THE SAP PROGRAM?

Anyone can refer a student to the MSW SAP team. Some students are referred by teachers or other school personnel. A friend or family member can also let the MSW SAP team know that they are worried about someone. The student can even go directly to the MSW SAP team to ask for help. Schools will gather information to determine how a student is doing in their classes. However, the SAP team will not proceed unless you give your written parent permission. Once permission is received, the team will work with you to develop a plan of action to help your child achieve success in school. Participation in the program is voluntary.

WHAT IF SOMEONE HAS REFERRED MY CHILD TO SAP?

A MSW SAP team member will contact you regarding your child's referral to the program. Before any action is taken you must give your permission. The MSW SAP team will work with you and your child throughout the process.

As a parent/guardian, your knowledge and thoughts about your child will be helpful in developing a plan of action. If you need more information before making a decision about SAP, please feel free to talk to a MSW SAP team member.

Middle School West SAP TEAM MEMBERS:

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Council on Chemical Abuse
-  **Kristen Horton**
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-  **Karis Robinson**
Caron Treatment Center
-  **Georgeanne Zvodar**
Creative Health Services

Please contact a SAP member, teacher, or principal, if you or someone you know needs help.

For additional information about the Student Assistance Program, call the SAP office at 610-473-3678 or your child's school counselor.

