

Privacy

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

If you would like more information on SAP, go to our school website at www.stcenters.org.

STC is committed to the health and welfare of all of our students. We believe that in order for our students to be successful in the workforce and beyond, the whole person needs to be cared for and supported. It is our goal to offer assistance so that all students reach their potential.



Technology is our middle name !

Schuylkill Technology Center Student Assistance Program (SAP) A Guide for Parents



Are You Worried About Your Child?

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.

The **Schuylkill Technology Center's** 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 so you can make the choice(s) that best fit your child's needs and wishes. As the parent/guardian you are an important part of the team.

Do You See Your Child Showing Any of These Behaviors?

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

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

How Does My Child Become Involved in the SAP Program?

Anyone can refer a child to the STC SAP team. Some students are referred by teachers or other school personnel. A friend or family member can also let the SAP team know that they are worried about someone. The child can even go directly to the SAP team to ask for help. Once the child is referred, data will be collected by the team about academics, behaviors, and discipline. Parents will be

notified simultaneously of the referral and need to give consent for the SAP process to proceed. The SAP team **will not** proceed unless you give your written parent permission. Once permission is received, the SAP team will work with you to develop a plan of action to help your child achieve success in school. Participation in the program is completely voluntary and can be revoked at any time.

What If Someone Has Referred My Child to SAP?

A team member will contact you regarding your child's referral to the program. You will be asked to sign a permission form. The SAP team will work with you and your child throughout the process. As a parent, your knowledge and thoughts about your child will be helpful in developing a plan of action.

How Do I Contact the SAP Team? If you have any questions about SAP or you feel that your child may need help, please call and ask to speak with the following team members:

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