



# SUSSEX COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

## School Based Youth Services Program - The Student Center



### Welcome Letter - 2024-2025 School Year

Dear Parents and Students,

For those of you joining us this year, welcome! For those of you returning, it is nice to have you back! We hope you have enjoyed your summer break.

The Student Center has existed on campus since 1988 via a grant from the New Jersey Department of Children and Families and provides students with confidential counseling and support services to enable them to achieve academic and personal success. Our counselors offer clinical support free of charge to any current Sussex County Technical School student. These services are different and in addition to services received from our Guidance Department.

We also offer daily recreational activities and events which are organized by our recreation coordinator and take place mainly after school in the Student Center. Students can enjoy, for free, billiards, ping-pong, foosball, video games, movies, basketball, beach volleyball, music, and time with friends. In the absence of late buses, please remember that pickup for after-school recreation is promptly at 5pm.

Additionally, we host two annual care clinics: Optical on Weds Sept 25th and mobile Dental on Weds Oct 9th. Please see below for an interest form for those events. We also have limited financial resources to help with shop/school supplies for families who may need some assistance. Please call to determine if your request is eligible. Your call is confidential. The Student Center also offers food supplies as needed in collaboration with Sussex County Food Pantry.

**Please see the list below to make sure you have reviewed and signed/returned any forms pertaining to services or activities you wish your child(ren) to benefit from or participate in.** All forms and flyers are also available on the SCTS website. On the main page, click the far left tab titled About Us > 24-25 School Information > Student Center. The checklist below will assist in ensuring you didn't miss anything. **Please retain the activities calendar for yourself and complete and return any other forms to your child's homeroom teacher.** Forms can be handed in at the Student Center during Sunation, or during the first week of school, or scanned and sent to [tmcnamara@sussextech.org](mailto:tmcnamara@sussextech.org). The **underlined forms must be returned** by the start of the school year.

#### Student Center Activities Calendar 2024-2025

- Permission to Participate in Student Center Activities (for recreation/one-time counseling)**
- Optical Clinic (on 9/25) and Dental Clinic (on 10/9) interest form**
- Freshmen Ice Cream Social on Fri. Sept. 6th (rsup by Weds. Sept. 4th)
- Father's Day in October event on Fri. Oct. 4th (rsup by Weds. Sept. 25t)
- Mother's Day in October event on Fri. Oct. 18th (rsup by Weds. Oct. 9th)
- "Does My Student Need Counseling?" (checklist)
- Parental Consent for Professional Counseling form
- Student Center Group Services Checklist
- Reducing the Risk letter and consent form
- Teen to Teen Group consent form
- Grief and Loss Group consent form
- Kids Cope Group consent form
- Food Pantry registration

We can be reached for questions at [ssarner@sussextech.org](mailto:ssarner@sussextech.org) (Suzanne Sarner, Director) or [tmcnamara@sussextech.org](mailto:tmcnamara@sussextech.org) (Tracey McNamara, Administrative Assistant), or by phone at 973-383-6700 x329 or x331. We wish you a happy and successful 2024-2025 school year!

Most sincerely,

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Director, Student Center