



DORSEYVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Fox Chapel Area School District

Dorseyville Middle School Student Assistance Program (SAP) A Guide for Parents and Guardians

What Is SAP?

The SAP team is made up of school staff and liaisons from Allegheny County. The SAP Team is available to help you and your child access resources in school and in the community. In Pennsylvania, every school district is required to have a plan for identifying and assisting students who experience barriers to learning. The SAP Team does not diagnose or provide treatment. The SAP Team will provide you with information and support you in making the choice(s) that best fit your needs and wishes. As the parent/guardian, you are an important part of the team as well.

Do You See Your Child Showing Any of These Behaviors?

- Withdrawing from family, friends, and/or activities; Isolation; Spending more time alone
- Changing friend groups or having trouble making social connections
- Declining grades
- Talking about suicide or self-injury
- Feeling sad or anxious
- Defying authority, both at home and school or in the community
- Acting aggressively
- Lying
- Experimenting with alcohol, tobacco or other 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 or problems on social media
- Experiencing a traumatic event



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How Does My Child Become Involved in the SAP Program?

Anyone can refer a child to the DMS SAP team. Students are referred by teachers/staff, school counselor, parent, or sometimes a student themselves. 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. SAP participation is voluntary and confidential.

What If Someone Has Referred My Child to SAP?

A DMS SAP team member will contact you regarding your child's referral to the program. Before a SAP team member talks to your child, you will be asked to sign a permission form. A **free** behavioral health screening may be offered to your son/daughter at school by the liaison from the Human Services Administrative Organization (HSAO). 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. If you need more information before making a decision about SAP, please feel free to reach out and talk to a member of the SAP team.

How Do I Contact the SAP Team?

If you have any questions about SAP, call DMS and ask to speak with a member of the SAP Team. And If you think your child might benefit from SAP support, you can also make a referral.

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Privacy

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