BOARD POLICY

236 Student Assistance Program

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Purpose

The Board is committed to assisting all students to achieve to their fullest potential.

Definition

Student Assistance Program (SAP) - a systematic process using effective and accountable professional techniques to mobilize school resources to remove the barriers to learning and overall well-being, when the problem is beyond the scope of the school, to assist the parent/guardian and student with information so they may access services within the community.[1]

Authority

The Board shall provide a Student Assistance Program (SAP) that assists district employees in identifying issues and providing assistance to students experiencing challenges in learning, overall well-being, and academic achievement.[2][3]

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement, maintain and monitor a Student Assistance Program (SAP) that complies with state regulations.

Guidelines

The Student Assistance Program (SAP) shall provide assistance in:

1. Identifying issues that pose a barrier to a student's learning and/or academic achievement.
2. Determining whether or not the identified problem lies within the responsibility of the school.
3. Informing the parent/guardian of a problem affecting the student's learning and/or academic achievement.
4. Making recommendations to assist the student and the parent/guardian.
5. Providing information on community resources and options to deal with the problem.
6. Establishing links with resources to help resolve the problem.
7. Collaborating with the parent/guardian and agency when students are involved in treatment through a community agency.
8. Providing a plan for in-school support services for the student during and after treatment.

Legal Footnotes

[1] **22 PA Code 12.16**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[2] **24 P.S. 1547**
LEGAL REFERENCE

[3] **22 PA Code 12.42**
LEGAL REFERENCE

Legal References

Additional References

1949 Act 14
LEGAL REFERENCE