

Student Policy #236
Student Assistance Program (SAP)

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, 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.

Authority:

The Board shall provide a Student Assistance Program (SAP) that assists Charter School employees in identifying issues and providing assistance to students experiencing difficulties in learning and academic achievement. This program will follow the SAP guidelines as stipulated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Student Assistance Program.

Guidelines:

The Student Assistance Program shall provide assistance in:

- Identifying issues that pose a barrier to a student's learning and/or academic achievement.
- Determining whether or not the identified problem lies within the responsibility of the school.
- Informing the parent/guardian of a problem affecting the student's learning and/or academic achievement.
- Making recommendations to assist the student and the parent/guardian.
- Providing information on community resources and options to deal with the problem.
- Establishing links with resources to help resolve the problem.
- Collaborating with the parent/guardian and agency when students are involved in treatment through a community agency.
- Providing a plan for in-school support services for the student during and after treatment.
- Seeking parental consent based on the following:
 - If married and living in the same home, only one parent is required to sign the form
 - If divorced/separated and there is a written custody agreement in place, requires a copy and follow the agreement
 - If the agreement gives both parents the authority to make educational decisions, either may sign
 - If one parent has legal custody, then he or she is the only one that is permitted to sign for permission for SAP services.

Delegation of Responsibility:

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

TO THE EXTENT THAT ANYTHING IN THIS POLICY COULD BE CONSTRUED TO CONFLICT WITH APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS, THE APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS CONTROL. THIS POLICY IS NOT INTENDED TO CONFLICT WITH CHARTER REQUIREMENT.