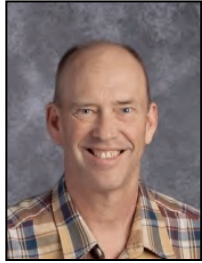


How Do I Contact the SAP Team?

If you have any questions about SAP or you feel that your child may need help, call your grade-level Guidance Counselor:



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Student Assistance Program Mission

- Identify student behaviors that hinder the learning process
- Gather pertinent information about student school performance
- Plan strategies with parents and colleagues to maximize student success



Privacy

The SAP Core 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 mpslakers.com/student-assistance-program-sap

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Student Assistance Program

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. Our school's Student Assistance Program team name is the **MPS Core Team**.

The MPS SAP Core 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, and you make the choices that best fit your needs and wishes. As the parent/guardian, you are an important part of the team.

Are You Concerned about Your Child's Reaction to...?

- The recent death of a loved one
- Divorce/Separation
- Anxiety/Depression
- Family relocation
- A relationship problem
- Bullying
- Family tension/strife
- Other traumatic events



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Do You See Your Child Showing Any of These Behaviors?

- Withdrawing from family, friends, and/or activities
- Changing friends
- Having unexplained injuries
- Self-injuring/cutting
- Feeling sad
- Talking about suicide
- Defying authority (School and/or Home)
- Acting aggressively
- Hitting
- Lying
- Needing money without a good explanation
- Declining in school performance
- Experimenting with alcohol or drugs

Core Team Process

Step #1: Referral

- Student may be referred to SAP by a concerned parent, teacher, friend, or self.

Step #2: Parent Contact

- A parent or guardian is contacted to involve him or her in the process.

- Written permission from a parent is required before any student may participate in the counseling component of the program.
- There is no cost for the process. All SAP services are voluntary and free of charge.

Step #3: Information Gathering

- The Core Team gathers relevant data from teachers, counselors, and administration.

Step #4: Evaluation/Assessment

- The Core Team evaluates data to determine possible interventions or services available to assist the student.
- If necessary, intervention or services are offered to the student and parent/guardian.

Step #5: Review/Recommendation

- The Core Team reviews each referral and then joins with the parents to review information from the assessment process and develop plans to provide services based on each student's strengths and needs. Recommendations are made for accessing community services (counseling/therapy) based on individual student needs.