

# SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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236. STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	
1. Purpose	The Board is committed to assisting all students to achieve to their fullest potential.
2. Definition Title 22 Sec. 12.16	<b>Student Assistance Program (SAP)</b> - 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.
3. Authority SC 1547 Title 22 Sec. 12.42	The Board shall provide a Student Assistance Program (SAP) that assists district employees in identifying issues and providing assistance to students experiencing difficulties in learning and academic achievement.
Title 22 Sec. 12.12 Pol. 216	Information received in confidence from a student may be revealed to the student's parents/guardians, the principal or other appropriate authority when the health, welfare or safety of the student or other persons is clearly in jeopardy.
4. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent or designee shall develop, implement, maintain and monitor a Student Assistance Program (SAP) that complies with state regulations.
5. Guidelines	The Student Assistance Program (SAP) shall provide assistance in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identifying issues that pose a barrier to a student's learning and/or academic achievement.</li> <li>2. Determining whether or not the identified problem lies within the responsibility of the school.</li> <li>3. Informing the parent/guardian of a problem affecting the student's learning and/or academic achievement.</li> <li>4. Making recommendations to assist the student and the parent/guardian.</li> </ol>

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.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1547

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.16, 12.41, 12.42

PA Civil Immunity of School Officers/Employees Relating to Drug or Alcohol Abuse – 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 8337

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Title 34, Code of Federal Regulations – 34 CFR Part 99

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