

"Serving the Educational Needs of Munhall, Homestead and West Homestead"

Steel Valley School District

Steel Valley Senior High School

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What is SAP?

The Student Assistance Program is designed to aid those students, and/or families that are experiencing problems, which interfere or disrupt the school climate and or the learning process and to fulfill the mandates of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The program is also designed to address at risk behaviors such as alcohol abuse, drug abuse, or child abuse.

The programs mission is to be carried out by the Core Team. The Core Team consists of trained administrators, teachers, guidance counselors, school nurse and a mental health liaison. The Core Team receives referrals, makes initial assessments then makes recommendations for appropriate levels of intervention.

Your role in assisting the functioning of this team is to:

- 1. Support and uphold policies in regards to student behavior
- 2. Be aware of factors that place students at risk
- 3. Refer at risk students to Russ Firestone SAP Coordinator
- 4. Return behavioral assessment forms promptly
- 5. Respect the confidentiality of the students and Core Team members
- 6. Make responsible attempts to handle behavioral problems at the classroom level (SAP referrals are not a substitute for a disciplinary referral)
- 7. Know and accept your professional and legal responsibilities in the case of suspected abuse (physical or sexual) and advise the administration
- 8. Follow the recommendations of the Core Team and/or outside agencies

Sincerely, The SAP Core Team