

## ABOUT US

In Pennsylvania, every school district is required to have a plan for identifying and assisting students who experience a "barrier to learning." The Secretary of Education established the Student Assistance Program as a Pre-K through Twelfth Grade system for assisting parents and school personnel in removing these barriers. A SAP team, made up of school and agency staff, is available to help you access school and community services for your child.

Your school's SAP team will help.



### Contacting Your School's Student Assistant Program

If you feel that your child may need help, call your child's school and ask to speak with a member of the SAP team. Someone will be there to help.

# SAP

**A BRIGHT  
FUTURE  
BEGINS  
RIGHT HERE.**

The MVSD Elementary Student Assistance Program provides supportive and confidential services to children and families to meet their emotional, physical and academic needs in a collaborative and non-judgmental manner.



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## HOW DOES MY CHILD BECOME INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM?

Students come to the SAP team in different ways. Anyone can refer a student to the Student Assistance Program. Some students are referred by teachers and other school personnel.

FOR GENERAL INFORMATION:  
[WWW.PNSAS.ORG](http://WWW.PNSAS.ORG)

## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I GIVE MY PERMISSION?

There are several steps that the team will take after you sign the permission form.

- Together, you and the SAP team will develop a plan of action to help your child achieve success in school. The plan might include services and activities in school and/or services from a community agency. If necessary, the SAP team will talk with you about services in the community and give you information on how to contact others who may be able to help.
- The SAP team will continue to work with and support your child. They will stay in touch with you to talk about your child's progress and success in school. Your continued involvement is very important.

## DO YOU SEE YOUR CHILD SHOWING ANY OF THESE BEHAVIORS?

- Withdrawing from family, friends and /or school
- Changing friends; no longer spending time with old friends
- Unexplained physical injuries
- Talking about suicide
- Depressed
- Defying authority – both at home and at school
- Acting aggressively
- Lying
- Needing money without an explanation
- Sudden drop in grades
- Experimenting with drugs or alcohol

