



## Educational Support Services and Programs.

### Student Assistance Program

SAP and ESAP (elementary student assistance program) teams exist in each of the district's buildings. Comprised of administrators, counselors, school nurses, and teachers, the SAP/ESAP teams help identify students who have behavioral concerns or who are academically at risk and help in the referral process to county and/or private specialists.

At all levels, the Student Assistance Program provides consultative and referral services to students and parents. A multi-disciplinary approach is used, involving a coordinated effort of administrators, teachers, nurses, counselors, mental health professionals, and community agencies. The team is the liaison responsible for communication with parents, data collection related to academic and behavioral aspects of student progress, and appropriate referral to school services or outside agencies when needed. In addition, the district's wellness plan addresses both preventive and referral services in conjunction with our partnership in a Regional Coordinated Health Council. (See attached supporting documentation--Wellness Plan.)

The Student Assistance Program (SAP) is active in all three buildings (elementary, middle school and high school); therefore our SAP teams serve students in grades K-12. Students may be referred by teachers, school professionals and parents. Students can also ask for assistance directly. Following referral, information is collected from all professionals who work with the student. The SAP team then confers regarding the needs that the students present. The team recruits additional specialists appropriate for the particular needs that are evident. The team formulates a plan and intervention strategies to support the student. The team also makes referrals to outside agencies and community support systems as appropriate.

Included in the purview of this team are issues related to emotional needs, alcohol, chemical, and/or tobacco abuse.