IU5 Student Assistance Program (SAP)

Fact Sheet

The Student Assistance Program (SAP) is a systematic process whereby school personnel identify issues which pose a barrier to a student's learning (academic, behavioral and/or social) and attempt to remove them to enhance overall school success.

Facts about SAP:

→ SAP seeks to incorporate the parent(s) in the process as part of the decision-making team
→ It is not a disciplinary action
→ SAP is an intervention program, not a treatment program
→ The program is free of charge
→ Referrals are behaviorally-based and interventions are data-driven
→ Referrals can come from:
  o The student
  o The student's peers, parents, teachers school personnel, or other interested adults
→ SAP can be accessed by contacting either the building principal or the guidance counselor
→ The program utilizes both in-school supports and referrals to community resources (with parental permission)
→ Schools partner with community agencies to screen for drug and alcohol and/or mental health concerns
→ Confidentiality between all parties is maintained in accordance with all state and federal laws