

Catalyst Academy Charter School Scholar Assistance Program

INTRODUCTION

The Pennsylvania Student Assistance Program (SAP) is a systematic team process used to mobilize school resources to remove barriers to learning. The SAP is designed to assist in identifying issues including alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and mental health issues which pose a barrier to a student's success.

Student Assistance Programs fall under Chapter 12 of Title 22 in the Pennsylvania Code. The law reads as follows:

§ 12.42. Student assistance program.

School entities shall plan and provide for a student assistance program under section 1547(g) of the Public School Code of 1949 (24 P.S. § 15-1547(g) regarding alcohol, chemical and tobacco abuse program).

The primary goal of the Catalyst Academy SAP is to help scholars overcome these barriers so that they may achieve, advance, and remain in school.

AUTHORITY

The Board shall provide an SAP that assists Catalyst Academy staff in identifying issues and providing assistance to scholars experiencing difficulties in learning and academic achievement. The SAP will complement the established Multi-Tiered Support System (MTSS) process.

The privileged confidentiality between scholars and school counselors, school nurse(s), school psychologists, home and school visitors, and other school employees shall be respected, and no confidential communication made to any such employee shall be required to be revealed without the consent of the student or his/her parent unless the best interests of the student can be served only by doing so.

RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

A team of Local Education Agency (LEA) representatives shall develop, implement, and monitor the SAP that complies with state regulations. Those team members shall include a minimum of one administrator, one teacher, one school counselor, and one school nurse.