



THE STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM

Core Support Team Members:

Dan Mennow, Principal

Pamela Mackowski, Associate Principal

Sarah Garofalo, School Nurse

Brenda Hertel, School Counselor

Jeff Tyree, School Counselor

Betsy Weiss, School Counselor

Jose Montes, Resource Officer

Jen Fratus, Refocus Room

Jospeh DeSanti, Refocus Room

**Additional staff members are trained for the SSP Team and are added to the team during various times of the year.

Community Agency Liaisons:

Pyramid Health Care

Barber Center National Institute

TO REFER A STUDENT

If you feel that your child or another child may need additional support, contact one of the members of the SSP Team. We are here to help!

PRIVACY

The SSP Team and the school will respect you and your child's privacy at all times. SSP team information is not shared and is not on any school records.

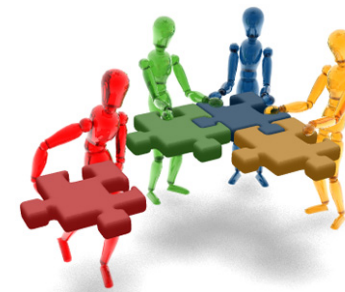


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What is SSP?

The purpose of the GMHS Student Support Program is to provide prevention and support services to students who are identified as having difficulty achieving success in school.

Factors that may prevent success:

- Poor study skills
- Feeling of isolation
- Alcohol or Drug Abuse
- Loss of a loved one
- Low self-esteem
- Eating Disorders
- Family Concerns

Signs to look for:

- Drop in academic performance
- Change in friends
- Change in appearance
- Withdrawal from family, friends, or school
- Defiance of rules
- Experimenting with drugs or alcohol

The Student Support Team does NOT diagnose, provide therapy, or provide long term services. The Student Support Team connects students, and their families, with services to support the student.

REFERRALS TO THE TEAM

HOW DOES A STUDENTS BECOME INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM?

Students may be referred in several ways. A staff member, a student's peer, or family member can let the SSP Team know that they are worried about someone.

A student is referred because someone is concerned about an observable changes they are seeing in your child. Your observations at home are important.

All information is CONFIDENTIAL and the referrals source will remain anonymous. Participation is voluntary.



THE SSP TEAM CAN PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

- * Short term counseling with a community agency liaison
- * Participation in educational groups covering such topics as decision making, anger management, grief & loss, and tobacco cessation
- * Education on community resources
- * Emergency consultation & intervention

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A STUDENT IS REFERRED TO THE SSP TEAM?

The student is referred and the case is presented to the SSP Team.

The team gathers information about the student's performance from everyone who has contact with the referred student.

A member of the team will be assigned to the case. This member will contact the parent/guardian about their observations, the student's strengths, and family concerns. The team will also obtain the student's and parents/guardians' permission for the students to participate in the program.

Together, the parents and the SSP Team will develop a plan of action to help the student achieve success in school. If necessary, the SSP Team will talk to the student and their family about community support services and other contacts who may offer additional support.

The SSP Team will continue to work with and support the student.

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