



The Student Support Team

Core Support Team Members:

Michael Getz, Principal

Dr. Julie Coughenour, School Psychologist

Shannon Wingerter, SSP Coordinator

Tricia Finazzo, Behavior Specialist

Brenda Gluvna, Kindergarten

Maureen Roth, First Grade

Kelly Campbell, Second Grade

Filomena Mitchell, Third grade

Scott Hutchison, Fourth Grade

Stacy Chiles, School Nurse

Ami Iaquina, Autistic Support

Abby Newell, Emotional Support

Lisa Roberts, HPE

BNI - Counselors

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.



To learn more about Pennsylvania Student Assistance Programs, please visit: www.sap.state.pa.us

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What is SSP?

The purpose of the McKean 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:

Feeling of isolation

Loss of a loved one

Low self-esteem

Family concerns

Anxiety

Aggression

Anger

Signs to look for:

Drop in academic performance

Anxiety/Worry

Depressed

Long-term sadness

Withdrawal from family, friends, or school

Defiance of rules

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 STUDENT 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 change they are seeing in your child. Your observations at home are important.

All information is kept CONFIDENTIAL and the referral 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 grief & loss, how to be a friend, coping skills, anger management.
- 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 success 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 students and parents/guardians' permission for the student 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.



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

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