



Riverview Assistance Program (RAP) F.A.Q.

The Riverview Assistance Program (RAP) can help children experiencing barriers. The RAP team information is completely confidential and the team will respect you and your child's privacy at all times.

What Is RAP?

A RAP team made up of school and agency staff is available to help you access school and community services for your child. In Pennsylvania, every school district is required to have a plan for identifying and assisting students who experience barriers to learning. Our school's Student Assistance Program team name is the Riverview Student Assistance Program (RAP).

The RAP team will help you find services and assistance within the school, and if needed, in the community. We do not diagnose, treat, or refer your child for treatment. We will provide you with the information and it is up to you and your family to make the choice(s) that best fit your needs and wishes. As the parent/guardian you are an important part of the team.

Do You See Your Child Showing Any of These Behaviors?

- Withdrawing from family, friends, and/or activities
- Changing friends
- Unexplained physical injuries
- Feeling sad
- Talking about suicide
- Defying authority, both at home and school
- Acting aggressively
- Hitting
- Lying
- Needing money without a good explanation
- Declining grades
- Experimenting with alcohol or drugs
- Back-talking staff

How Does My Child Become Involved in the SAP Program?

Anyone can refer a child to the RAP team. Some students are referred by teachers or other school personnel. A friend or family member can also let the RAP team know that they are worried about your child. The child can even go directly to the RAP team to ask for help. The team members will gather information to determine how a student is doing in their classes. However, the RAP team will not proceed unless you give your written parental permission. Once permission is granted, the team will work with you to develop a plan of action to help your child achieve success in school. Participation in the program is voluntary.

What If Someone Has Referred My Child to SAP?

A team member will contact you regarding your child's referral to the program. Before a RAP team member talks to your child, you will be asked to sign a permission form. The team will work with you and your child throughout the process. As a parent, your knowledge and thoughts about your child will be helpful in developing a plan of action. If you need more information before making a decision about RAP, please feel free to talk to a team member or school counselor.

How Do I Contact the SAP Team?

If you have any questions about RAP or you feel that your child may need help, call your child's school and ask to speak with a school counselor.

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