

STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

FALK SCHOOL
University of Pittsburgh

Student Assistance Programs have been established in schools throughout Pennsylvania, as required by the State Department of Education for all school districts. These programs provide schools with the means to identify and refer students who are having school-related problems because of alcohol or drug use or who are at risk of suicide or other mental health problems.

At Falk School, the Student Assistance Program is comprised of a group of concerned members of the professional staff who have received training in recognizing behaviors which inhibit educational growth. The purpose of the Student Assistance Program is to assist students in dealing with a wide variety of behaviors which interfere with their academic performance. The primary function of the Student Assistance Program is to identify the child whose behavior causes reason for concern and begin a positive plan for intervention. It is also a method for intervening and referring these students to appropriate community services. It is an intervention, not a treatment program.

The heart of the program is the Core Team, made up of the following individuals:

Mr. Cesar Canizares, Primary Teacher	412-383-9610
Ms. Eileen Coughlin, Middle School teacher	412-624-8016
Ms. Laura Hunt, Physical Education teacher	412-624-8027
Dr. William McDonald, Director	412-624-8022
Ms. Jackie Mecalf, Intermediate Teacher	412-383-9608
Ms. Donna Priore, Instructional Assistant	412-648-2356
Ms. Jill Sarada, Primary K teacher	412-383-9613
Ms. Susan Sholtis, School Nurse	412-624-8023

A student may be referred to the Core Team by his/her family, friends, school staff, or by the student himself/herself. We welcome you to come to us whenever your child is in need of our assistance.

We look forward to answering any of your questions regarding this program. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

As team members, we believe this a very beneficial program for our students. With your support and assistance, we can make this program successful.