CARLISLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM

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236. STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1. Purpose

The Carlisle Student Assistance Program is a way to help identify students who are having problems in school because of alcohol, drugs, or mental health related concerns and to refer them for help. It is an intervention, not a treatment program.

The student assistance program provides a way for school officials to help students. All information is kept confidential.

2. Guidelines Pol. 227

Any student who violates the district drug and alcohol policy must take part in the student assistance program as a means of assessing a student's involvement in the use of drugs or alcohol, in accordance with Policy 227.

The heart of the program is the Student Assistance Team, a caring group of school personnel who have completed Student Assistance training in order to work with these students.

Team members receive referrals from administrators, faculty and staff, parents/guardians, and students themselves.

Referrals may be initiated by drug and alcohol policy violations; but more commonly, they happen because of observed changes in behavior or performance that may or may not be drug related.

The team's job is to conduct a pre-assessment to determine if the student can be helped within the school or if the student needs to be referred out of school.