RED LAND HIGH SCHOOL



Student Assistance Program

Reaching out... one student at a time.



What is the Student Assistance Program?

Schools are the only institution through which all young people must pass. This gives the school a unique opportunity to identify and help those whose lives are being negatively affected by high-risk behaviors.

Because the teachers of the West Shore School District are dedicated to helping students have maximum learning experience, we participate in the Student Assistance Program.

What does the Student Assistance Program do for students?

The mission of the Student Assistance Program is to identify, intervene, refer, and monitor students having school related problems due to alcohol, drug, and/or mental health issues.

The primary objective of the Student Assistance Team (SAT) is to ensure that West Shore students receive help in order for them to function successfully in the classroom.

The core of the program is the Student Assistance Team, which is comprised of teachers, administrators, school counselors, school nurses and outside consultants trained to work with students.

Student
Assistance is
an intervention
program, not
a treatment
program.

The Student Assistance Team is committed to the confidentiality of student's concerns. However, in most circumstances, the team has found it beneficial to the student's welfare to include parents/ guardians from the beginning of the process.

How does the Student Assistance Program work?

The Student Assistance Team receives referrals from parents, students, teachers, administration and other concerned school personnel. Referrals are made by contacting any member of the Student Assistance Team or by completing our confidential Google form, which can be found on the Red Land High School website on the Counseling and Career Center subpage.

After receiving a referral, team members gather information from staff members who have had contact with the student. The parents/guardians are contacted and asked to provide written consent. An informal team meeting is convened to determine the status of the referral.

Recommendations could include a conference with a Student Assistance Team member or request for a screening provided by a trained specialist from a drug and alcohol agency or mental health agency. These specialists work with team members to recommend appropriate action for the individual student. The team continues to monitor and provide support for the student throughout the process.

Student Assistance works most effectively when the referred student, parent/guardian, Team members and agency counselors work cooperatively to support the student.

For additional information contact:

Red Land High School Student Assistance Program

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