

The History of SAP

SAP

STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Established 1984

in Pennsylvania



1984-1987

SAP Begins

- SAP is piloted
- PA Approved SAP Training Providers (PASTP) system created
- Standards for SAP are issued
- PA Network for Student Assistance Services (PNSAS) is formed



1988-1993

Interagency is Formed/ESAP Begins

- SAP Interagency is formed
- Elementary SAP is piloted
- Act 211 enacted.



1997-2000

SAP Becomes a Mandate

- Basic Education Circular (Last revised 2022) issued on SAP
- Updated County Coordination Guidelines issued



2003-2012

K-12 Model Solidified/PA School Code

- Taskforce formed to develop a seamless K-12 SAP model for PA
- Ch. 12 of the PA School Code is amended to include SAP for all school entities.



2018-2022

SAP and Legislation

- SAP is incorporated into school safety and security legislation including Act 44 (2018), Act 18 (2019), and Act 55 (2022).



2024-2025

SAP Curriculum Updated

- PNSAS launches a statewide standardized SAP Training curriculum and a parallel Training of Trainers program for onboarding new trainers.

PNSAS

PENNSYLVANIA NETWORK for
STUDENT ASSISTANCE SERVICES