

Sample Student Information/ Behavior Observation Templates

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INTRODUCTION

Some basic principles for SAP teams to keep in mind when reviewing and redesigning their information gathering process are:

- It is the right and the responsibility of the school district to continuously monitor the behavior of its students in order to provide a safe learning environment and to protect their health, safety, and welfare.
- The parental perspective on what may be contributing to their child's behavior and performance at school is essential to the information collection process and their input should be sought as early as possible.
- The collection of information from school staff and its retention and maintenance have implications for a school's records policies and procedures and these should be reviewed in light of the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Pennsylvania State Board of Education Regulations on Pupil Records (Chapter 12), the Protection of Pupil Rights (PPRA), and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
- Assisting the student and their family in overcoming the barriers to learning is
 the primary objective of SAP. This parameter should be used in determining
 the appropriateness of any **observable** information that is collected in the
 school setting and the accompanying information collection forms.
- Information may be shared with other staff and others within the school district that have a **legitimate educational interest**, but dissemination of the information to other school districts or outside agencies must comply with the parental consent requirements outlined in FERPA.

With the above parameters as a guide, a SAP team should be able to create an effective information collection and maintenance system. *The templates offered within this document are not final products distributed as models by the Commonwealth Student Assistance Program.* They are offered to help SAP teams develop their own information collection forms reflective of local school policy and procedures.

The following guidance should be helpful as teams work through this process:

Review the enclosed templates and compare and contrast these to the forms now being used by your team. Faculty, staff, and parents need to be involved in the review and design process. The level of representation and involvement in the review, selection, and design by those who will use the forms is directly proportionate to the success of the overall process.

During the review process, please consider school laws, and local, state, and federal regulations regarding school records, parents' rights, special education, etc.

- If your team decides to create new items, the following rules should apply:
 - > use observable behaviors: and
 - > be cautious of the use of statements requiring judgment; eliminate hearsay and innuendos.
- Remember that the form is an information-gathering tool that might suggest a pattern of behavior. It is not a diagnostic tool!
- ➤ Keep in mind that parents have the right to review all individual forms collected in this process, including the forms completed by teachers and staff. Because SAP records are student records, the maintenance of these forms is governed by school policy that is adopted by the school board.
- ➤ Use the process prescribed by your school in reviewing/designing forms before they are adopted for use. This process may include administrative review, review by the school board, and/or review by the school's solicitor.
- ➤ Create a brief explanation for the purpose and use of each form and inform staff, students, community agency personnel, and parents regarding their use.
- As a team, periodically review the forms and their use and update as necessary. Solicit feedback from parents, faculty, and other staff.

Student Information/Behavior Observation Form School Administrator

Concern for the following student has been brought to the attention of the Student Assistance Program Team. We are attempting to gather additional information regarding this referral and are asking for your help. Please provide the information listed below. Please contact a member of the SAP team if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Student Name:	Date:
Administrator Name:	
Attendance Information: Number of days absent this marking period: Excu Number of days absent this year: Excused	Unexcused
Discipline Information: Number of detentions: Number of demerits: Number of out-of-school suspensions: Number of in-school suspensions: Expulsion hearing: □ Yes □ No Reason Reason for disciplinary referral:	<u> </u>
Actions Taken:	
Have you had contact with parent/guardian? Describe nature of contact: Date(s) of contact:	
	that are working with this student? (only if a release
Student Initiated Requests: Please check all that apply to this student. schedule change agency referral bullying victim help with a bullying situation help with a home problem help with a health problem help with a financial problem other (explain)	Inappropriate Behavior: Please check all that apply to this student's behavior. □ misuse of passes/privileges (e.g. guidance, nurse restroom, etc.) □ obscene language and/or gestures □ verbally abusive □ physically aggressive toward others □ repeated class cuts □ repeated violation of rules (classroom, bus, etc.) □ sleeping in class □ bullying others □ ethnic intimidation

Policy Violation: Please check all that apply to this student. □ assault □ fighting □ dress code □ terroristic threats □ possession and/or use of tobacco □ possession and/or use of alcohol □ possession and/or use of other drugs and/or drug paraphernalia □ possession and/or use of drug/alcohol/tobacco look-alike substances or other health	Other: Please check all that you have observed about this student's behavior. □ expressed desire to punish or gain revenge via harmful or deadly means □ expressed alcohol and other drug use openly □ expressed involvement in hate groups □ loss of co-curricular eligibility □ possession of large amounts of money □ suspicion of alcohol/marijuana/drugs; specify observations: □ other behavior observed:	
endangering compounds	Explain	
possession of beeper, cell phone, or other electronic device		
possession and/or use of weaponspossession of drug paraphernalia		
□ selling and/or purchasing of drugs and/or		
drug-related items ☐ involvement in theft		
□ vandalism		
□ harassment (explain)		
Types of Interventions Used: ☐ individual conference: date ☐ student and parent conference: date ☐ teacher conference: date		
□ teacher conference: date □ parent conference: date		
student/parent/teacher conference: datealternative placement: specify		
revision of schedule: specify		
□ removal from school: specify		
☐ guidance conference: specify		
□ IST/MDT/CST meeting: specify		
□ agency intervention: specify		
□ disciplinary action specify□ other: Please explain		
other. I lease explain		
In the space below, please provide any other observable behaviors/information you deem appropriate to this referral.		
Would you like to speak directly with a member o	f the SAP Team?	

Student Information/Behavior Observation Form Pupil Personnel Services Staff

Concern for the following student has been brought to the attention of the Student Assistance Team. We are attempting to gather additional information regarding this referral and are asking for your help. Please note your observations on this form; this information will not become part of the student's permanent record but will be a part of his or her student assistance file and as such will be open to review by the parent/guardian. It will be used to help the student and his or her family to clarify the concern and determine an appropriate action. Please contact a member of the SAP team if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Student Name: Date:
PPS Staff Name:
Attendance and Enrollment History: ☐ New student to district: enrollment date ☐ Schedule change ☐ Other; please specify:
Academic Performance Information: Class rank: Current GPA: Does the student have an IEP?
If yes, explain: Is the student ESL (English as a second language)? □ Yes □ No Is the student ELL (English language learner)? □ Yes □ No Is the student LEP (limited English proficiency)? □ Yes □ No Is the student PHLOTE (primary home language other than English)? □ Yes □ No Are you currently working with this student? □ Yes □ No Has a psychological or psychiatric evaluation been done on this student? □ Yes □ No Has the student's schedule been changed this year? □ Yes □ No
Explain: Please check all that apply to this student's academic performance. academic performance is not commensurate with standard test courses previous retention year-to-year pattern of change in grades (attach copy of past two years and current report card) verbalized disinterest in academic performance (attach copy of report card) drop in grades does not take advantage of extra assistance offered/available other:
Strengths and Resiliency Factors: Please check all that you have observed about this student. able to work independently participates in extra curricular activities works well in a group demonstrates desire/commitment to learn displays good logic/reasoning & decision making exhibits leadership skills can accept re-direction/criticism considerate of others

	good communication skills cooperative possesses good interpersonal skills displays positive values (responsibility, honesty, recognizes and respects appropriate boundaries demonstrates constructive use of time helps others is connected to and likes school and staff strives to achieve their best		
RE	ASON(S) FOR REFERRAL TO SCHOOL COUNS	ELC	DR:
Ple student die die me me me	has made suicidal threats/gestures has experienced the recent death of family mber or close friend has given away possessions has written a suicide note	Ple this or via	ease check all that you have observed about associates with younger social group associates with older social group openly expresses alcohol and other drug use expressing desires to punish or gain revenge harmful or deadly means inappropriate sexual verbalization expresses involvement in the occult expresses involvement in hate groups trouble getting along with peers withdrawn/loner difficulty making decisions expresses hopelessness, worthlessness, lplessness expresses fear or anxiety about
Ple stud	ase check all that you have observed about this dent's behavior. verbally abusive fighting sudden outburst of anger obscene language and/or gestures hitting, pushing others disturbing other students denying responsibility, blaming others distractible		expresses real of difficity about expresses anger toward authority figures lies criticizes others/self inappropriate dress (specify) seeks constant reassurance cries sleeping in class ethnic intimidation threatens or harasses others (specify) dramatic/sudden change in behavior (specify)
	easily influenced by others carrying weapon, beeper, cell phone involvement in theft (student reported) vandalism (student reported) carrying large amounts of money selling drugs (student reported)	_ 	engages in dangerous behavior (specify)

Physical Attributes: Please check all that you have observed about this student. □ sleeping in class □ unsteady on feet □ complaining of nausea /stomach ache □ glassy/bloodshot eyes □ unexplained physical injuries □ poor motor skills □ frequent cold-like symptoms □ smelling of alcohol/marijuana □ slurred speech □ poor hygiene □ frequently expressing concern with personal health □ fatigue □ disoriented □ self-injury/self-harm □ food issues (example: refusal to eat lunch, etc.) (please explain) □ noticeable change in weigh (please explain)	Home/School/Family Indicators: Please check all that you are directly aware apply to this student runaway/unaccompanied by adult recent divorce or separation job loss of family member refuses to go home recent death of family member or close friend hangs around school for no apparent reason displaced (homeless, living in shelter, living with relatives or friends) living in foster care awaiting foster care placement living with an adult other than natural parent absence of caregiver: specify other stressors: please explain
Types of Interventions Used: □ individual conference: date □ student and parent conference: date □ parent conference: date □ parent conference: date □ student/parent/teacher conference: date □ alternative placement: specify □ revision of schedule: specify □ removal from school: specify □ guidance conference: specify □ guidance conference: specify □ special service conference: specify □ IST/MDT/CST meeting: specify □ revision of NORA (504): specify □ agency intervention: specify □ disciplinary action specify □ other: Please explain	

Please provide any feedback concerning previously attempted interventions you have tried with this student.

ease provide any information concerning your contacts with outside agencies and the progress served (only that information for which a release of information has been signed).
Would you like to speak directly with a member of the SAP Team? □ Yes □ No

Student Information/Behavior Observation Form School Staff

Concern for the following student has been brought to the attention of the Student Assistance Team. We are attempting to gather additional information regarding this referral and are asking for your help. Please note your observations on this form. It will be a part of his or her student assistance file and as such will be open to review by the parent/guardian. It will be used to help the student and his or her family to clarify the concern and determine an appropriate action. Please contact a member of the SAP team if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Data:

Student Name:

	uuent Name.		
	eacher Name:		_
C	ourse:		Period/Time of Day:
	ave you had contact with parent/guardian? Describe nature of contact: Date(s) of contact:		
Cla	ass Attendance Information:	Ac	ademic Performance Information:
	mber of days absent from class:		esent grade in this class:
	mber of days tardy:		ease check all that apply to this student's academic
	mber of cutting class:		rformance in this class.
	Withdrew from class		performing at or above ability
	Repeated requests to visit the restroom,		performing significantly below ability
	alth office, counselor		decrease in participation
			failure to complete homework (repeatedly)
Stı	rengths and Resiliency Factors:		cheating
	ase check all that you have observed about this		drop in grades
	dent.		failure to complete in-class assignments
	able to work independently		poor test scores
	participates in extra curricular activities		does not take advantage of extra assistance
	works well in a group	off	ered/available
	demonstrates desire/commitment to learn		unprepared for class
	displays good logic/reasoning & decision		difficulty retaining new or recent information
ma	ıking		reading below grade level
	exhibits leadership skills		verbalized disinterest in academic performance
	can accept re-direction/criticism		easily frustrated
	considerate of others		daydreams
	good communication skills		short attention span (explain specific behavior)
	cooperative		
	possesses good interpersonal skills		other
	displays positive values (responsibility,		
ho	nesty, equality, caring)		
	recognizes and respects appropriate		
	undaries and expectations		
	demonstrates constructive use of time		
	helps others		
	is connected to and likes school and staff		
	strives to achieve their best		

Disruptive Behavior or Illicit Activities:	Atypical Behavior:
Please check all that you have observed about this	Please check all that you have observed about this student's
student's behavior.	behavior.
uerbally abusive	associates with younger/older social group
fighting	openly expresses alcohol and other drug use
sudden outburst of anger	expresses desire to punish or gain revenge via harmful
obscene language and/or gestures	or deadly means
☐ hitting, pushing others	wears drug/alcohol related clothing
disturbing other students	☐ inappropriate sexual verbalization
denying responsibility, blaming others	expresses involvement in the occult
easily distracted	expresses involvement in hate groups
easily influenced by others	trouble getting along with peers
repeated violation of school/classroom	□ withdrawn/loner
rules	☐ difficulty making decisions
carrying weapon, beeper, cell phone	expresses hopelessness, worthlessness, helplessness
□ involvement in theft (student reported)	expresses fear or anxiety about
vandalism (student reported)	expresses anger toward parent or other authority figure
carrying large amounts of money	□ lies
□ selling drugs (student reported)	□ criticizes others/self
☐ indicate the number of detentions	seeks constant reassurance
assigned	☐ threatens or harasses others
<u> </u>	□ cries
Physical Attributes:	□ sleeps in class
Please check all that you have observed about this	ethnic intimidation
student.	☐ dramatic/sudden change in behavior (specify)
noticeable change in weight	
□ sleeping in class	dresses inappropriately (please specify)
unsteady on feet	
complaining of nausea/stomach ache	
(student reported)	Home/School/Family Indicators:
■ glassy/bloodshot eyes	Please check all that you are aware apply to this student.
unexplained physical injuries	□ runaway/unaccompanied youth
poor motor skills	☐ recent divorce or separation
☐ frequent cold-like symptoms	□ absence of caregiver
☐ smelling of alcohol/marijuana	□ job loss of family member
□ slurred speech	☐ refusal to go home
poor hygiene	recent death of family member or close friend
☐ frequently expressing concern with	hangs around school for no apparent reason
personal health	☐ displaced (homeless, living in shelter, living with
☐ fatigue	relatives or friends)
☐ disoriented	☐ living in foster care
□ self-injury/self-harm	□ awaiting foster care placement
□ headaches	☐ living with an adult other than natural parent
food issues (example: refusal to eat lunch,	other stressors (please explain)
etc.) (please explain)	The street of pieces explains
and the second s	
In the space below or on the back, please list th	ne types of interventions you have previously tried with
the student with regard to items checked above	
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Would you like to speak directly with a member of the SAP Team? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Student Information/Behavior Observation Form School Nurse

Concern for the following student has been brought to the attention of the Student Assistance Team. We are attempting to gather additional information regarding this referral and are asking for your help. Please note your observations on this form; this information will not become part of the student's permanent record but will be a part of his or her student assistance file and as such will be open to review by the parent/guardian. It will be used to help the student and his or her family to clarify the concern and determine an appropriate action. Please contact a member of the SAP team if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Student Na	me:	Date:	
Nurse's Name:			
Health Roc	om Visit Information:		
	visits to nurse's office this marking per visits: (summary)		
	times sent home this marking period: summary)		
	PE excuses this marking period:summary)		
Significant	medical problem(s):		
Contact wit	h parent/guardian (please explain): _		
Please chee able to particip works demon display exhibits can ac conside good of cooper posses display recogn demon helps of is conr	sses good interpersonal skills ys positive values (responsibility, hon- nizes and respects appropriate bound nstrates constructive use of time	aking esty, equality, caring)	

OBSERVATIONS AND/OR REASONS FOR REFERRAL TO NURSE:

Physical Attributes: Please check all that you have observed about this student. □ noticeable change in weight □ unsteady on feet □ skin problems □ complaining of nausea/stomach aches □ glassy/bloodshot eyes □ unexplained physical injuries (please explain)	Atypical Behavior: Please check all that you have observed about this student's behavior. □ cries □ openly expresses alcohol and other drug use □ expresses desire to punish or gain revenge via harmful or deadly means □ inappropriate sexual verbalization □ expresses involvement in the occult □ expresses involvement in hate groups □ trouble getting along with peers
□ poor motor skills □ frequent cold-like symptoms □ smelling of alcohol/marijuana □ slurred speech □ loss of hair □ self-injury/self-harm □ poor hygiene □ frequently expresses concern with personal health issues □ fatigue □ disoriented □ headaches □ food issues (example: refusal to eat lunch, etc.)(specify)	 □ withdrawn/loner □ expresses hopelessness, worthlessness, helplessness □ expresses fear or anxiety about □ expresses anger toward parent or other authority figure □ lies □ criticizes others/self □ seeks constant reassurance □ sleeping in class □ ethnic intimidation □ dramatic/sudden change in behavior (explain specific behavior)
Crisis Indicators: Please check all that you have observed about this student. □ crisis intervention for suicide □ has expressed desire to join someone who has died □ has made suicidal threats/gestures □ recent death of family member or close friend □ other stressors (please explain)	Disruptive Behavior or Illicit Activities: Please check all that you have observed about this student's behavior. □ verbally abusive □ fighting □ sudden outburst of anger □ obscene language and/or gestures □ hitting, pushing others □ disturbing other students □ denying responsibility, blaming others □ distractible □ easily influenced by others □ carrying weapon, beeper, cell phone □ involvement in theft (student reported) □ vandalism (student reported) □ carrying large amounts of money □ selling drugs (student reported)
In the space below or on the back, please indica	ate any other known stressors.
Would you like to speak directly with a member ☐ Yes ☐ No	of the SAP Team?

Student Assistance Program Parent Questionnaire

When we spoke on the phone recently, I explained that your son or daughter has been referred to the Student Assistance Team. The student assistance process is designed to assist parents in helping their son or daughter deal effectively with issues that present barriers to their learning. The information gained through this process and other school data will be used to help determine the best way to help your son or daughter.

First, it is important to identify the strengths and positive behaviors your son or daughter displays. These can be very important for helping him or her to overcome problems that may stand in the way of success at school. Please complete the following information regarding your son or daughter.

daughter. ☐ Able to work independently ☐ Joins in extra activities at school or in community ☐ Works well in a group ☐ Wants to and likes to learn ☐ Displays good logic/reasoning and decision making ☐ Is a good leader ☐ Can accept criticism ☐ Considerate of others ☐ Good communication skills ☐ Cooperative ☐ Possesses good interpersonal skills ☐ Displays positive values (responsibility, honesty, equality, caring) ☐ Follows rules ☐ Uses time wisely ☐ Helps others ☐ Is connected to and likes school and staff ☐ Strives to achieve their best ☐ Other: ☐ Does household chores ☐ Participates in family activities, meals, etc. ☐ Cares about appearance, health, etc. ☐ Takes appropriate pride in self and their possessions, keeps room reasonably neat ☐ Behavior is appropriate with peers and siblings ☐ Generally respectful toward parent(s)/caregiver(s) and others ☐ Other: ☐ Other: ☐ Other: ☐ Does household chores ☐ Cares about appearance, health, etc. ☐ Takes appropriate pride in self and their possessions, keeps room reasonably neat ☐ Behavior is appropriate with peers and siblings ☐ Other: ☐ Ot	Student Name:	Date:
Please check all that you believe apply to your son or daughter. □ Able to work independently □ Joins in extra activities at school or in community □ Works well in a group □ Wants to and likes to learn □ Displays good logic/reasoning and decision making □ Can accept criticism □ Considerate of others □ Cooperative □ Possesses good interpersonal skills □ Displays positive values (responsibility, honesty, equality, caring) □ Follows rules □ Uses time wisely □ Helps others □ Is connected to and likes school and staff □ Strives to achieve their best □ Other: □ Other: □ Please check all that describes your son or daughter's behavior at home. □ Generally complies with family rules, curfews, etc. □ Cares about appearance, health, etc. □ Takes appropriate pride in self and their possessions, keeps room reasonably neat □ Behavior is appropriate with peers and siblings □ Generally respectful toward parent(s)/ caregiver(s) and others □ Other: □ Other: □ Other: □ Does household chores □ Participates in family activities, meals, etc. □ Cares about appearance, health, etc. □ Takes appropriate with peers and siblings □ Generally respectful toward parent(s)/ caregiver(s) and others □ Other: □ Other: □ Other: □ Other:	Parent/Guardian Name:	Relationship to Student:
□ Other	Please check all that you believe apply to your son or daughter. Able to work independently Joins in extra activities at school or in community Works well in a group Wants to and likes to learn Displays good logic/reasoning and decision making Is a good leader Can accept criticism Considerate of others Good communication skills Cooperative Possesses good interpersonal skills Displays positive values (responsibility, honesty, equality, caring) Follows rules Uses time wisely Helps others Is connected to and likes school and staff Strives to achieve their best	Please check all that describes your son or daughter's behavior at home. ☐ Generally complies with family rules, curfews, etc. ☐ Does household chores ☐ Participates in family activities, meals, etc. ☐ Cares about appearance, health, etc. ☐ Takes appropriate pride in self and their possessions, keeps room reasonably neat ☐ Behavior is appropriate with peers and siblings ☐ Generally respectful toward parent(s)/ caregiver(s) and others ☐ Other:

Listed below are some common problem areas, as well as changes, that you may have begun to notice in your child. If your child's behavior matches any of the warning signals listed below, please check them off.

Personality: Have you observed any of the following with regard to your son or daughter's personality? (Check all that apply) Noticeable mood swings Frequent, extreme highs or lows Crying seemingly without explanation Appearing very irritable or hostile without reason Extremely negative or apathetic attitude Spending a lot more time alone, in his/her room Exhibiting general loss of energy, motivation, interest or enthusiasm; is increasingly uninterested Other changes:	School: Have you observed any of the following with regard to your son or daughter's school experience? (Check all that apply) Experiencing more problems in school than usual Recent or rapid drop in grades Stopped participating (or showing less interest) in extracurricular activities such as sports, clubs, etc. Caught forging notes to his/her teacher or excuses for absences from school Having problems getting your child to go to school Wants to drop out of school Other:
Friends/Relationships: Have you observed any of the following with regard to your son or daughter's friends/relationships? (Check all that apply) Stopped spending time with old friends Hanging out with friends you don't know Doesn't want you to meet his or her friends Friends immediately go to child's room avoiding contact with family members Son or daughter receiving many short phone calls Son or daughter not where they tell you they are Spends less time in family activities Is verbally or physically abusive of family members Blaming others; refusing to take responsibility for self Refuses to follow family rules Other:	Crisis Indicators: Please check all that you have observed with regard to your son or daughter. Has expressed desire to die Given away personal possessions Has expressed desire to join someone who has died Has made suicidal threats/gestures Has experienced a recent death of family member or close friend Other stressors (please explain)
Physical Traits: Have you observed any of the following with regard to your son or daughter's physical appearance/traits? (Check all that apply) Unsteady on feet Noticeable change in weight Complaining of nausea/stomach ache Glassy/bloodshot eyes Unexplained physical injuries Poor motor skills	Legal/Financial: Is your son or daughter experiencing any of the following legal or financial problems? (Check all that apply) ☐ Arrests for drinking/drug use/DUI/possession/other illegal acts ☐ Curfew violations ☐ Recently sold personal possessions ☐ Quit a job or lost a job due to unsatisfactory job performance

□ Frequent cold-like symptoms □ Smelling of alcohol/marijuana □ Slurred speech □ Loss of hair □ Self abuse or self mutilation □ Doesn't keep self clean/poor hygiene □ Preoccupied with personal health issues □ Fatigue/constantly tired □ Disoriented □ Change in sleep habits □ Headaches □ Food issues (example: refusal to eat, etc.) (please explain)	 □ Seems to have more money than job or allowance would provide □ Been caught with drugs and/or alcohol □ Been caught with products associated with drug use/paraphernalia □ Been caught taking things from home or neighbors homes □ Family members missing money or items from the home (cameras, stereos, watches, TV's, etc.) □ Other:
What are your concerns for your child that may be a barrier to his or her learning?	
What does your child tell you about his or her s	school experiences?
Would you like to speak directly with a member ☐ Yes ☐ No	r of the SAP Team?