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## STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Evansville Community School District Board of Education expects each school to establish a safe and nurturing learning environment to facilitate student achievement. Students experiencing Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Abuse (ATODA) and other issues are vulnerable to and may create unsafe conditions for themselves and others. Therefore, the District shall provide education, prevention, intervention and support services for students and their families regarding ATODA and other issues that can negatively affect academic performance.

The Board recognizes that parents and guardians retain primary responsibility for helping students struggling with ATODA, mental, emotional, social, physical, intellectual and health issues. Schools are in a unique position to partner with parents and community resources to help students make responsible decisions in this regard and offer assistance to those individuals who experience ATODA and other challenges. Services are delivered in a multi-faceted approach that may include classroom and/or community presentations, ATODA screenings, and individual counseling. Staff will provide referrals to external resources when appropriate.

Student participation in the Student Assistance Program (SAP) will be confidential and may be mandatory. In cases of co- and extra-curricular code violations, referral to the SAP will occur and successful completion may result in reduced consequences for the student.

Legal Ref.: Sections 118.01(2)(d) Wisconsin State Statute (Educational Goals and Expectations)  
118.125 (Pupil Records)  
118.126 (Privileged Communications)  
118.127 (Law Enforcement Agency Information)  
118.24(2)(f) (School District Administrator)  
938.396 (Records)

Local Ref.: Policy #347 - Student Records  
Policy #364 - Guidance Program  
Policy #443.4 - Student Alcohol and/or Other Drug Use  
Extra/Co- Curricular Handbook  
Student/Family Handbook