

## Meet Our STAR Team

The STAR Team is comprised of a core group of caring professionals who are trained in student assistance.

*Mr. Sikorski*

*Mr. Henaghan*

*Mrs. Kenny-Massarò*

*Mrs. Goodwin*

*Mrs. Bowman*

*Mrs. Gallagher*

*Mr. Kelly*

*Mrs. Markowski*

*Ms. McCune*

*Ms. Enders*

*Mr. Hudak*

*Mrs. Neidermeyer*

*Dr. Mitchell*

*Community agency liaisons*

**STAR Team meets Friday mornings to discuss new referrals and review formal student referrals.**



## Contacting STAR Team

If you feel that your child may need help or to learn more about the STAR Team, please contact:

**Mrs. Kenny-Massarò**

**School Counselor**

**724-941-2688 (ext. 4245)**

**kennym@pt-sd.org**

**Mrs. Goodwin**

**School Counselor**

**724-941-2688 (ext. 4246)**

**goodwinb@pt-sd.org**

**To formally refer your child to STAR Team, forms can be accessed online via the middle school counseling website.**

<http://www.ptsd.k12.pa.us/>

- Select the middle school
- Click on the counseling services link

Peters Township School District

# STAR Team

Student Assistance Program



## A GUIDE FOR PARENTS and FAMILIES

*Peters Township Middle School*

*625 E. McMurray Road*

*McMurray, PA 15317*

**724-941-2688**

## Who can benefit from STAR Team?

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STAR Team is designed to help students struggling or at-risk. Some key areas STAR Team can provide interventions on are:

- *Attendance*
- *Drop in grades*
- *Mental health*
- *Drug and Alcohol use*
- *Disciplinary issues*
- *Peer relations*

## Services Provided

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STAR Team works to identify students in need and pair them with resources to help with success. Some services provided through individualized student action plans are:

- *Individual case managers*
- *Outside agency support*
- *Monthly student meetings*
- *Additional school resources*

## The STAR Team Process

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1. Students exhibiting at-risk behaviors are referred to the STAR Team by:
  - *Teachers*
  - *Counselors*
  - *Administrators*
  - *Peers*
  - *Parents/Guardians*
2. Students identified are assigned a case manager who collects data from school personnel
3. The data is reviewed by the STAR Team and permission and parent input forms are sent home for referred students
4. Case managers work closely with formally referred students, parents and the team to create an action plan that helps support the student's needs

## Confidentiality

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The STAR Team values privacy. Confidentiality is the foundation of the program. For the purpose of providing individual student interventions, team members may share information with each other. This facilitates the process of gathering information, identifying barriers to learning, collaborating as a team and implementing strategies and interventions for the student.

## Community Resources

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STAR Team is partnered with Southwest Behavioral Care and the Washington County Drug and Alcohol Commission to provide students with additional supports both inside and outside of school. Mental health screenings and drug and alcohol prevention and intervention services are provided on an as needed basis.