



# SUSSEX COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

## School Based Youth Services Program - The Student Center



### Welcome Letter - September 2023

Dear Parents and Students,

For those of you joining us this year, welcome! For those of you returning, it is nice to have you back! We hope you have enjoyed your summer break.

The Student Center has existed on campus since 1988 via a grant from the New Jersey Department of Children and Families and provides students with confidential counseling and support services to enable them to achieve academic and personal success. Our counselors offer clinical support free of charge to any current Sussex County Technical School student. These services are different and in addition to services received from our Guidance Department.

We also offer daily recreational activities and events which are organized by our recreation coordinator and take place mainly after school in the Student Center. Students can enjoy, for free, billiards, ping-pong, foosball, video games, movies, basketball, beach volleyball, music, and time with friends, and then can catch the late bus home.

Additionally, we host an annual optical clinic (date TBA) and mobile dental clinic. Please see below for more information on those events. We have limited financial resources to help with shop/school supplies for families who may need some assistance. Please call to determine if your requests are eligible. Your call is confidential. The Student Center also offers food supplies as needed in collaboration with the Sussex County Food Pantry.

**Please see the list below to make sure you have reviewed and signed/returned any forms pertaining to services or activities you wish your child(ren) to benefit from or participate in.** All forms and flyers will also be available on the SCTS website starting at the far left tab on the main page titled "About Us" then > "23-24 School Information" then the tab on the right > "Student Center". The checklist below will assist in ensuring you didn't miss anything. **Please retain the activities calendar for yourself and complete and return any other forms to your child's homeroom teacher.** Forms can also be scanned and sent to [tmcnamara@sussextech.org](mailto:tmcnamara@sussextech.org). If you're unable to print any of the forms at home, they can be picked up by students in the Student Center.

- ☐ Student Center Activities Calendar 2023-2024
- ☐ Permission to Participate in Student Center Activities (recreation/one-time counseling)
- ☐ Freshmen Ice Cream Social on Fri. Sept. 15th (rsup by Fri. Sept. 8th)
- ☐ Father's Day in October on Fri. Oct. 6th (rsup by Weds. Sept. 27th)
- ☐ Mother's Day in October on Fri. Oct. 20th (rsup by Weds. Oct. 11th)
- ☐ "Does My Student Need Counseling?" (checklist)
- ☐ Parental Consent for Professional Counseling form
- ☐ Student Center Group Services Checklist
- ☐ General Group Participation Consent Form
- ☐ Reducing the Risk letter and consent form
- ☐ SBYSP Evaluation Consent Form
- ☐ Food Pantry registration

We can be reached for general questions at (973)-383-6700 ext. 331 or ext. 329 and also at [ssarner@sussextech.org](mailto:ssarner@sussextech.org). We wish you a happy and successful 2022-2023 school year!

Most sincerely,

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