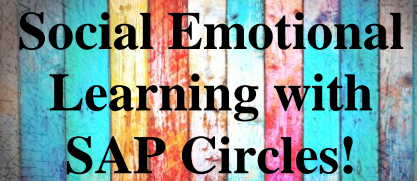


# Alief ISD

## Student Assistance Program

A graphic with a red border containing the text "Social Emotional Learning with SAP Circles!" in a bold, black, serif font. The background of the graphic consists of vertical wooden planks in various colors including blue, green, yellow, and red.

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Alief ISD's <i>Student Assistance Program</i> trains staff to utilize classroom circles and groups to teach Social Emotional Learning, the process through which students acquire and effectively apply the skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. The SAP curriculum can be used easily with entire classrooms, small groups and one on one mentoring.
<b>GOALS</b>	The primary goal of the <i>Student Assistance Program</i> is to ensure academic success by doing the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Teaching Social Emotional Learning</li><li>Building relationships and connections to school</li><li>Supporting students by allowing them to discuss issues they face</li><li>Creating a safe, kind, positive classroom environment</li></ul>
<b>CURRICULUM</b>	The basic SAP curriculum is <i>Creating a Positive Classroom with SAP</i> . Advanced for 2019-2020 was <i>Using SAP to Foster a Growth Mindset in Students</i> . Both were well received by staff and students..
<b>TIME</b>	SAP circle lessons can be facilitated in 10-15 minutes. Lessons can be used one on one, in a group or in a classroom setting. Campuses doing groups set their own schedules and often meet before school and during lunch.
<b>TRAINING</b>	The first year facilitators are given a Basic curriculum and receive a day of training in facilitating groups during October. Advanced training for veterans is held after Thanksgiving. Advanced SAP training provides the learning of new skills, lessons and activities.
<b>TEACHERS</b>	Teachers say, " <i>This is one of the most positive programs in our district, the main reason for my staying in teaching. It gives meaning and purpose to my being in education.</i> "
<b>STUDENTS</b>	Students love SAP circles and often ask, "When are we going to have SAP again?"
<b>BUDGET</b>	The <i>Student Assistance Program</i> is sponsored by Alief's <i>Prevention and Safe Schools</i> .