

# SHORT TERM SUSPENSION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM FAQ's

## What is the Short Term Suspension Alternative Program?

- Short Term Suspension Alternative Program (STS) is a program for students who have made infractions/behaviors at school that could result in an out of school suspension for 1-10 days. The STS program is in lieu of suspending your student.

## What happens in the STS classroom at my student's school?

- Students are taught a 10 day curriculum of pro-social skills. Such skills include: empathy, problem solving and emotion/anger management. Your student is taught by a monitor and shall not attend regular academic class. The curriculum used is **Second Step: A Violence Prevention Program**. [www.cfchildren.com](http://www.cfchildren.com) as well as a variety of other age appropriate social skills activities.

## Why is the STS program a better option than a suspension?

- The STS program is an alternative and will not appear on your student's permanent academic record. The student shall be given a *second step* before facing harsher consequences.

## How can my student make up missed academic work?

- When students are referred to the program, the school will make arrangements with families to make up missed academic work. Many schools utilize the **Alternative School Program** or have the Academic Liaison gather work from your student's teacher(s). Please ask your referring administrator about your student's options.

## Why am I attending the parent/student evening orientation?

- The evening session is a required component of the STS program. Each student and family referred to the program shall attend a one-time evening session. The evening session is a brief skill building orientation for the parents and student to understand why the student has been referred and to develop new skills for the student to use when issues arise at school.

## Who may I contact regarding this program?

- If concerns arise the first person to contact is your student's administrator, Assistant Principal or Principal who referred your student to the program or your student's advocate.
- The school district Coordinator, Carla Green, may be reached at (913) 627-4357.