
Parent/Guardian Permission for School Counseling Services

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As part of every student's school experience in grades 7-12, school counselors routinely discuss with students issues related to academic planning and progress, personal/social development and college and career issues.

Occasionally, it is necessary to follow up with students individually or in groups on any of these issues. The Utah Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (Utah Code 53A-13-301/302) and Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment 20 U.S.C. 1232 g. requires school personnel to have parent/guardian consent prior to on-going counseling sessions with your student. Information concerning life-threatening situations or regarding a student's drug or alcohol use will be shared with the parent/guardian and appropriate school personnel. Counselors are not authorized to provide therapy, but can provide groups or one on one meetings that focus on skill building and support, and may refer families to mental health services.

Information gathered from a counseling session may be shared with the administrator or other school personnel only on a need-to-know basis. State law requires that information suggestive of child abuse must be reported to the appropriate government agency. Utah law requires a 2-week waiting period prior to school counseling services provided unless the parent/guardian agrees otherwise.

- ☐ I give consent for my student to participate in school counseling services as outlined above immediately and waive the 2-week waiting period.

If you need further information or have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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