



## Consent for Counseling Services

Student		Date	
School		Grade	

Your consent is required so that social, emotional, or behavioral counseling or support can be provided by school Counseling or Guidance staff, an agent of the school, and/or the Jordan School District Student Services Department. These services may include individual and group assistance with problem-solving skills, coping strategies, and other interpersonal concerns (USBE Rule R277-313-2(2)).

Your consent will remain in effect until the end of the current school year or until you revoke your consent in writing delivered to the school principal.

During the course of our discussion(s), students may share their personal views and experiences as appropriate. Every effort will be made to respect family privacy, and there is no intent to discuss sensitive issues; however, the law requests that we remind you that unexpected subjects may arise as students express their feelings. Counseling providers are required to have your consent as parent or legal guardian if information is sought from your child concerning the following issues:

1. political affiliations or, except as provided under Utah Code § 53G-10-202 or rules of the State Board of Education, political philosophies;
2. mental or psychological problems;
3. sexual behavior, orientation, gender identity, or attitudes;
4. illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. critical appraisals of individuals with whom the student or family member has close family relationships;
6. religious affiliations or beliefs;
7. legally recognized privileged and analogous relationships, such as those with lawyers, medical personnel, or ministers;
8. income, except as required by law.

Depending on the nature of the presenting problem and concerns shared during an initial interview or counseling sessions by the student or parent(s), some of the issues listed above may be discussed.

State law requires a two-week waiting period prior to your student receiving services unless a parent waives the notification period (Utah Code Section 53E-9-203). Your signature will allow us to waive the waiting period and provide services to your child immediately.

**REQUIRED DISCLOSURES:** Service providers have a responsibility to ensure that an appropriate administrator is informed of any information that concerns potential problems or at-risk situations that might occur. If a school employee or agent believes that a situation exists which presents a serious threat to the well-being of a student, that employee or agent shall notify the student's parent or guardian without delay. Information gathered from an interview or counseling sessions may be shared with the administrator or other school personnel only on a need-to-know basis. Information regarding a student's drug or alcohol use will be reported to the parent(s). State law requires that information suggestive of child abuse must be reported to the appropriate governmental agency (Utah Code §53G-9-209).

**REMOTE DELIVERY OF SERVICES:** Certain circumstances may require services to be provided remotely. Services delivered remotely are inherently less secure and less confidential than in-person services. Other individuals in your household may be able to see or hear information about your student that is meant to be confidential. Parents who would like additional information on remote delivery of service may contact the school administrator either prior to or subsequent to the service being provided.

I give consent for my child to participate in counseling sessions and waive the two-week waiting period so that services may begin immediately. If the need arises, my child may discuss the issues identified above during the course of receiving counseling services.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name		Date	
Parent/Guardian Signature		Relationship to Student	