

School Counseling Informed Consent Form

Introduction of services

Garden Valley School is committed to providing quality education to its students. In an effort to achieve this goal, school staff or parents/guardians may refer students for counseling, or students may request counseling. The aim of the school counseling services is to help students have more effective education and socialization within the school community. Possible counseling topics are coping with changes, transition, self-esteem, friendship and relationship issues, study skills, stress management, fears or worries, academic progress, conflict resolution, social skills, adjustment to school or culture, etc. These services are available at no cost. However, these services are not intended as a substitute for medication, psychological counseling or diagnosis, which are not the responsibility of the school.

Confidentiality

Because counseling is based on a trusting relationship between counselor and counselee, the school counselors will keep information confidential with some possible exceptions. We understand that the school counselors may share information with parents/guardians, the child's teacher, and/or administrators who work with the child on a need to know basis, so that we may better help the child as a team.

Under the following circumstances, the school counselors are required by law to share information with others:

1. Presenting information about hurting himself/herself or another person.
2. Evidence or disclosure of abuse (physically, emotionally, and sexually) or neglect
3. Threats to school security
4. If counseling records are court ordered.

If a student discloses intentions, thoughts, or plans to harm themselves, harm others, or makes threats that may impact school safety, the school is required to initiate appropriate risk assessment protocols in accordance with established district procedures.

Additionally, if a student provides information or evidence indicating they may be a victim of abuse or neglect, school officials are mandated reporters under Idaho state law and are legally required to report such concerns to the appropriate authorities.

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), parents or legal guardians of students under the age of 18 have the right to request access to their student's educational records, including counseling records, at any time.

These measures are in place to ensure the safety, rights, and well-being of all students and the school community.

Contact

If you have further questions about the information on this form, the counseling relationship, the counseling techniques used by the counselors, and the length of counseling, please contact the school counselor at (208) 462-3756.

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Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

I, _____, am the legal parent/guardian of _____.

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms of the School Counseling Informed Consent.

I give permission for my child, _____, to receive counseling services while attending Garden Valley School. I understand that I may withdraw this content at any time by signing and dating a written notice requesting termination of counseling services.

Parent/Guardian (Print Name) Date _____