

Hawthorn Academy

Parent/Guardian Permission for School Counseling Services

Student: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As part of every student's school experience in grades K-12, school counselors routinely discuss with them issues related to academic planning and progress as well as personal/social development and career decision-making issues. Occasionally it is necessary to do 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 1232g) require school personnel to have your consent prior to meeting with your student. Information concerning life-threatening and bullying situations will be shared with the parent/guardian and appropriate school personnel.

Information gathered from a counseling session 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/guardian. State law requires that information suggestive of child abuse must be reported to the appropriate governmental agency.

Please check only ONE of the three items below.

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

_____ *I give consent for my child to participate in school counseling services as outlined above, but would like the services to begin two weeks from the above listed date.*

_____ *I do NOT give consent for my student to participate in the school counseling services as outlined above at this time.*

The counselor can work with my child: _____ *For the current school year or* _____ *Until my child leaves Hawthorn or I withdraw consent. I know I can withdraw consent for the counselor to work with my child at any time without repercussions.*

Please sign below:

e-mail: _____

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Telephone Number)

(Date)

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

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*Utah law requires a 2-week waiting period prior to counseling services being provided unless parent/guardian agrees otherwise.