



Parent/Guardian Permission for School Counseling Services

As part of every student's school experience at Renaissance Academy, the School Counselor will routinely discuss issues related to academic planning and progress, career education and decision-making, and personal/social development. Within the private setting of the counseling office, students may wish to discuss personal issues. The Utah Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (Utah Code 53A—13—301/302) requires that school personnel have your consent prior to discussing these personal issues.

In order to build trust with the child, and maintain a family's right to privacy, the school counselor will keep information confidential with limited exceptions. If a student is deemed a threat to self or others then the parent/guardian will be informed along with other appropriate personnel. Information gathered during a counseling session may be shared with an administrator or other school personnel only on a need-to-know basis. If you would like the counselor to share information with a third party, such as a community counselor, psychiatrist, social services worker, or pediatrician, you will need to sign an additional release of information form.

For further information, questions, or concerns, please contact the School Counselor, Mia Naddeo at 801-768-4202 x. 5124.

Please check **ONE** of the 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 student to participate in school counseling services as outlined above but would like the services to begin 2 weeks from the above date.*
- I do NOT give consent for my student to participate in the school counseling services as outlined above.

Student's Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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