

Verbum Dei Jesuit High School

Counseling Services: Informed Consent Form

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Verbum Dei Jesuit High School strives to provide its students, families, and faculty members with supportive help. Students at Verbum Dei who may be experiencing academic, social/emotional, or personal challenges, have access to a School Counselor.

Verbum Dei Jesuit High School supports aspiring counselors who want to attain a Pupil Personnel Services credential. To earn the credential, graduate students must intern and complete a specific number of field work hours under the supervision of the School Counselor. If your son is assigned to work with a counseling intern, we will send home an additional consent form regarding the intern's educational background and some other need-to-know information.

It is the policy of Verbum Dei Jesuit High School to obtain parent/guardian written permission for counseling that **extends beyond one session** in a school year or is planned on a regular basis. Services include intake assessment, short-term individual social/emotional, personal, or academic counseling, group counseling, classroom guidance lessons, academic and social/emotional workshops, crisis intervention, college and career counseling and referrals as needed.

There may be both risks and benefits associated with participation in counseling. Counseling may improve your child's ability to relate with others, provide a clearer understanding of himself, along with values, goals, and an ability to deal with everyday stress. Counseling may also lead to unanticipated feelings and change, which might have an unexpected impact on your child and his relationships.

When deemed necessary and appropriate, the counselor may make a referral to outside resources. The counselor will not share confidential information with others **except...**

- when authorized school personnel have a legitimate, educational need to have the information;
- when a student intends to harm himself or another individual;
- when there is evidence to believe that the student is being harmed by another individual;
- when there is knowledge of, or intent to commit significant property damage;
- when the counselor is ordered by a court to release information;
- As otherwise required by law.

The counselor will make the student aware of these limits to confidentiality.

I have read and understood this Informed Consent Form and give permission to my child, _____, to participate in counseling services at Verbum Dei High School and for Verbum Dei Jesuit High School to provide counseling services to my child. I also agree to fully collaborate with the counselor and the school administrators when necessary. I acknowledge that this Informed Consent and permission is valid for the duration of my son's education at Verbum Dei Jesuit High School, unless I revoke it in writing.

Print Name of Parent/Guardian: _____
Please Print

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____
Today's Date

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