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Consent For Remote School Counselor Personal/Social 1:1

Parent/Guardian:

While your student is engaged in a remote learning environment, school counselors are available by email, phone, or video conference to students during standard school hours. Students may meet individually with a school counselor to discuss topics that are within the personal/social domain virtually. This virtual service will only be provided while your student remains in the remote learning environment. In GISD, virtual individual school counseling services will usually be provided using the Google Meet platform, which provides a confidential format and/or phone conference.

Prior to commencing this type of digital/video-conference service, this consent must be completed and signed by the Parent/Legal Guardian of the Student (“Parent”) or the Adult Student and returned to the school counselor. As the Parent or Adult Student, I understand and agree that:

- I will have certain computer or cell phone systems to access/use these services via this platform and will need to use a webcam or smartphone during the session.
- There are potential benefits and risks of this service that differ from in-person sessions.
- Confidentiality still applies to this service and nobody will record the session.
- The video-conferencing or digital platform will be selected by the service provider for all virtual sessions, and the service provider will provide information on program use and function.
- I will provide a quiet, private space that is free of distractions (including cell phone or other devices) during the session.
- I understand that individual services will be done one-on-one with the student, but I agree to be available during the session to address any technical/privacy issues.
- I will attempt to use a secure private internet connection rather than public/free Wi-Fi.
- The student will be on time for the session. If the Parent/Legal Guardian/Adult Student needs to cancel or change the tele-appointment, you must notify the service provider in advance by phone or email.
- A back-up plan (e.g., phone number where I can be reached) will be provided/established in order to restart the session or to reschedule it in the event of technical problems.
- The service provider may determine that a student is in crisis and will act in the best interest of the student by contacting the parent or calling an emergency number based on the concern and level of need.
- The service provider may determine, in the provider’s sole discretion, that due to certain circumstances, the service is no longer appropriate and that other alternatives for services will be implemented.

Once consent is received, the school counselor will send an appointment invitation through email to the parent or directly to the student if developmentally appropriate.

I am the Parent/Legal Guardian of the above-named Student, or I am the Adult Student, and I understand and agree to the provision of teleservices as outlined or stated in this document and grant permission for the use of the service described herein.

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date

Options for obtaining the consent form include:

- On a cell phone, take a screenshot of the document. Using the photo editing features on the phone, sign and date the document and return through email to the school counselor.
- Print the document, sign it, and return it via email to the school counselor.
- Send the school counselor an email providing your consent.