

# EMERY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## **Parent/Guardian Permission for Comprehensive School Counseling and Guidance Programs**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As part of Emery School District's Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Programs, school counselors routinely discuss with students issues related to academic planning and progress, personal/social development, and career decision-making issues. Occasionally it is necessary to follow-up with students individually or in groups on any of these issues.

In order for the school district's counselors to provide ongoing services the Utah Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act [Utah Code 53A-13-301/301] and Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment [20 U.S.C.1232 g.] requires school district personnel to have your consent prior to on-going counseling sessions with your student.

- Information concerning life-threatening 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.