



Colton Joint Unified School District

CJUSD Virtual Counseling Notification Form

Dear Parents/Guardians:

CJUSD School Counselors work closely and communicate on a regular basis with school, district, and community service providers, while maintaining appropriate standards of confidentiality. During Virtual Distance Learning, guardians should recognize the limitations of counselor confidentiality. Because school counseling is provided for educational purposes and at the school site, counseling records will be treated like, and given confidentiality protection afforded to other education records as required by FERPA or California Education Code, Board Policy. As a result, CJUSD school and district staff with a legitimate educational interest may receive access to personal information, such as the student's name, referrals for services, dates of meetings, and progress in counseling. The counselor may share this information with CJUSD school and district staff members for the purpose of collaboration in providing appropriate educational services and support for the student.

School counseling sessions will remain confidential however; counselors are required by law or by the guidelines of the profession to disclose certain information. Some of these situations are listed below:

- To prevent self-induced harm in the event that a child threatens to cause serious harm or death to himself/herself.
- To the extent necessary to prevent harm to reasonable foreseeable victims if a child presents a serious danger of violence to others.
- To juvenile authorities if any form of child abuse or neglect is observed or suspected.
- To the courts if subpoenaed or if otherwise necessary for the administration of justice.

During Virtual Distance Learning please take note of following special considerations:

- There are risks unique and specific to school counseling services via Virtual Distance Learning, including but not limited to, the possibility that our communication could be disrupted or distorted by technical failures or could be interrupted or could be accessed by unauthorized persons or viewers.
- School counseling services will be different than in person services and will be provided on an as needed basis due to the school closure.
- I understand that the dissemination of any personally identifiable images or information from the Virtual Distance Learning interaction to any other entities shall not occur without my written consent.
- In the event of a Crisis, call 911
- I understand that the school counselor will continuously assess my child's needs and make recommended referrals when the needs are outside of their scope of practice.
- I understand that there will be no recording of teleconferences from either party.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school counselor directly via email. Thank You.

Sincerely,

CJUSD School Counseling Team