

# Confidentiality Guidelines

Your confidentiality as a student is important to us! In our school counseling office, what is said here, stays here, with the following exceptions, as required by law and/or ethical standards:

- 1. Harm to self or others**
- 2. Abuse or neglect**
- 3. Court or other legal proceedings**

If there is ever a need to reveal information, we will let you know in advance, and work with you to handle the situation in a way that respects you, your feelings, and your needs.

Any information of a personal nature disclosed by a pupil 12 years of age or older in the process of receiving counseling from a school counselor as specified in section 49600 of the ed code is confidential.

Counselors will report information to the principal or parents of the pupil when the school counselor has reasonable cause to believe that disclosure is necessary to avert a clear and present danger to the health, safety, or welfare of the pupil, or other persons living in the school community