River Valley High School

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Counseling Department

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RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT PASSIVE CONSENT FORM

Pupil services professionals at River Valley High School work with students to promote personal/social, academic and career development. Counselors work regularly with students on an individual basis to assist them with various areas of their development. Because counseling is based on a trusting relationship between counselor and student, counselors will keep information shared by the student confidential except in certain situations in which an ethical responsibility limits confidentiality.

Counselors also work with students in small groups in order to provide students an opportunity to receive support from and learn from their peers. Groups that have run in the past include, but are not limited to: stress and anxiety, anger management and grief. Students may volunteer to participate in counseling groups, or may be referred by staff or parents.

The counseling department at River Valley also utilizes survey assessments to better understand student health risk behaviors and to determine the needs of the high school. An example of an assessment survey used by River Valley is the bi-annual Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).

If you do not wish for your student to participate in counseling groups and/or survey assessments, please contact Melissa Hilliard, high school counselor via email (mhilliard@rvschools.org) or by phone (608-588-2554). If we do not hear from you, we will assume your child has permission to participate in groups or participate in assessment surveys.

Thank you,

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