



# NOTRE DAME

## HIGH SCHOOL

### CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE

#### **Confidentiality**

Confidentiality means that information discussed, obtained, or shared during counseling meetings, mentor discussions, guidance lessons, or groups will be safeguarded. All information will be kept confidential except when mandated by law.

#### **Confidentiality Rules**

- 1) You are not obligated to participate in any activity or discussion that makes you feel uncomfortable.
- 2) All feedback given will be positive.
- 3) There will be no put downs.
- 4) Any information shared will be bound by confidentiality.
- 5) The educator will act, promote, recommend, and or advocate in the best interest of the student.

#### **Exceptions to Confidentiality**

Regardless of a student's age, there are times when school educators may or must breach confidentiality. The Ethical Standards for School Counselors (ASCA, 1998) and the Code of Ethics and Standards Practice (ACA, 1995) both specify that educators are ethically required to take appropriate action if students engage in behaviors that present a clear and imminent danger to self or others.

Exceptions (Penal Codes 11160-11166.5)

- 1) Child Abuse
- 2) Domestic Abuse
- 3) Elder/Dependent Abuse
- 4) Physical Abuse
- 5) Sexual Abuse
- 6) Willful cruelty or unjust punishment
- 7) Unlawful corporal punishment
- 8) Neglect

I have read and understood the limits to confidentiality, and all information shared will kept confidential except when those limits have to be breached, as mandated by law.

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