

# Guidelines for Outside Agency Therapists in School

Norfolk Public Schools has established pathways to providing more mental health and behavioral support in the Norfolk school district. At the June 2019 Norfolk school board meeting, members passed a comprehensive mental health/behavior plan that draws on community partnerships as well as a framework developed by the Nebraska Department of Education. At the Middle school and Junior High, Oasis Counseling will provide a licensed mental health practitioner at no cost to the district. The counselor will be on site and available for crisis situations. If private therapy sessions are recommended, parents will be contacted to sign additional paperwork. Once paperwork is received, services will be billed to families' insurance plans or covered by community resources.

The following are guidelines to allow students the opportunity to receive private mental health and behavioral support at school while ensuring compliance with District policies and procedures.

- Therapists may not provide private therapy to students at school without prior written consent of the parent/guardian of the students served.
- The Therapist must have agreed to adhere to school practices, rules and guidelines.
- A student's time out of the regular educational program to receive private therapy services is to be limited as much as practical in the best interests of the student.
- The student and the parent/guardian understand that the services are not provided by Norfolk Public Schools.
- The Therapist must have agreed to and follow rules of confidentiality.

## Consent to Receive Outside Agency Therapy Services in School

I understand the foregoing conditions and consent to my child (\_\_\_\_\_) receiving mental health services at Norfolk Public Schools through Oasis Counseling International.

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature