



# Coopersville Area Public Schools

Coopersville Middle School  
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## Confidentiality Guidelines

**Your confidentiality as a student is important to us!**  
**In our school counseling office, what is said here, stays here.**

There are however exceptions to confidentiality, as required by law and/or ethical standards:

### **Harm to self or others:**

This could include things like a suicide attempt or plan, cutting or other self-injury, eating disorders, addictions, fighting or other physical violence, illegal behaviors, threats, etc. (anything that puts your health or safety, or someone else's health or safety at risk).

### **Abuse or neglect:**

If you tell us that you or another minor is being abused, whether physically, emotionally, verbally, or sexually, we are required by law to report it to Child Protective Services (CPS) and possibly the police. If you tell us about an abusive situation that has already been addressed by CPS or the police, we may still need to follow up to ensure your health and safety.

### **Court or other legal proceedings:**

By law, if we are subpoenaed (required by law to attend a hearing or other court proceeding), we cannot guarantee that your information will be kept confidential. We will always do our best to keep your confidentiality, but we must cooperate with CPS, the police, and the court system.

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

***In order to officially authorize this information, please complete the Google Form by clicking on the link below entitled "Confidentiality Guidelines."***

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