

SOCIAL WORK PERMISSION

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Elgin Math and Science Academy provides a comprehensive education that seeks to address the academic, emotional, and social development of all students. School social workers are professional advocates who provide support to maximize student potential and academic achievement. In partnership with teachers, administrators, parents or guardians and the school community, school social workers build skills in students to help them navigate interpersonal and individual success.

School social workers use a variety of approaches to help students develop an understanding of themselves and others, help students learn to resolve conflicts, and set individual goals reflecting their interests and abilities. Counseling or skill development coaching may be provided in groups (e.g., all first graders) in which general issues of social development are addressed (e.g., peer relations) or in structured individual or small-group multisession counseling that focuses on the specific concerns of the participant(s) (e.g., social skills, grief, or anger management.)

Parent/guardian consent is not required for short-term counseling and/or crisis intervention that is needed to maintain order, discipline, or a productive learning environment. By signing and returning the following portion, you grant permission for the social worker at Elgin Math and Science Academy to meet with your student for both small group and individual sessions. Should you refuse social work services for your students, please mark the form accordingly and state your reason for doing so.

- I grant permission for my scholar to participate in small group and/or individual sessions
- I DO NOT grant permission for my scholar to participate in small group and/or individual sessions

Reason: _____

I understand that parent/guardian consent is not required for short-term personal or social counseling and/or crisis intervention that is needed to maintain order, discipline, or a productive learning environment.

Student Name: _____

Student Birthdate: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date