

WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT HOPE SQUAD - PARENT PERMISSION FORM



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your student has been invited to participate as a member of The HOPE Squad at their school.

HOPE Squads are the eyes and ears of our schools. They are comprised of students who are trained to watch for at-risk students—provide friendship, identify warning signs, and seek help from adults. HOPE4UTAH works with school advisors to train students who have been identified by their classmates as trustworthy peers to serve as HOPE Squad members. Through evidence-based training modules, HOPE Squad members are empowered to seek help and save a life.

HOPE Squad members are NOT taught to act as counselors, but rather, are educated on how to recognize signs of suicide contemplation, and how to properly and respectfully report this to an adult. Once invited to be HOPE Squad members, students willing to go through the training must get a permission form signed by their parents. After completing their training, HOPE Squad members host a parents' night where they teach their parents and family members about what it means to be a HOPE Squad member.

If you have additional questions, please contact the HOPE Squad Advisor at your child's school. You can also go the website: <http://hope4utah.com> for more detailed information.

Please sign one the following three options and have your student return it to the HOPE Squad Advisor at their school.

1. My child, _____, has permission to participate on the HOPE Squad at their school. I waive the Utah State Law, Section 53A-13-302, which provides that parents be notified at least two weeks prior to participating in a school group.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

2. My child, _____, has permission to participate on the HOPE Squad at their school, but I do not waive the two week notification.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

3. My child, _____, may not participate on the HOPE Squad.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date