

Dear Parent or Guardian:

(Name of student) _____ is invited to participate in a new, free service available through Amphitheater High School and provided by a local non-profit organization, Touch Point Connection. www.TouchPointConnection.org This service, called "coaching", provides additional support for students who want more help to do better in school.

Many adults in business as well as athletes in sports have coaches who help them achieve their best performance. With the support of a coach, many teens can achieve greater performance by improving their grades and missing fewer days of school. Now we can make coaching available to many of our students at Amphi.

Students in the Touch Point program will meet with their coach in two potential ways. Some students may meet with a coach on a 1-to-1 basis, once a week, at school, during school hours. In this situation, the student will have an individually assigned coach to help those students set goals and work to achieve those goals. Students may alternatively, or additionally, seek assistance from coaches on a "drop-in" basis during Coaching Office hours. In this type of situation, students would meet with the coach(es) on duty at the time. In either situation, the coaches provided by Touch Point are skilled community volunteers.

To participate in this coaching program, Amphi students may request a coach or an Amphi teacher or counselor may invite a student to consider signing up for a coach. A student under the age of 18 must have permission from a parent or their guardian in order to participate.

What you need to know and provide permission for:

- Depending upon the student's individual needs, a participating student may be matched with one coach. The coach and student will meet privately each week during the school year. Coaching meetings are held at school on school grounds. There are no coaching meetings during school breaks or during the summer.
- Alternatively, or in addition to individually assigned coach meetings, students may also seek immediate, brief need consultation with coaches. These meetings will also occur on school grounds but are entirely student initiated.
- Students will typically meet with their coach before or after school, or during lunch or homeroom. If they absolutely must miss a class for a coaching meeting, the student's counselor helps determine a schedule for the meeting that will have the least impact on the student's school performance.
- We also need your permission to collect information on the impact of the coaching:
 - Each student who participates in the program will complete a survey at the end of coaching. Survey questions focus what the student thought of the coaching program, their goals, and their attitudes toward their schoolwork.
 - We will also collect information on each participant's grades, attendance and behavior referrals, both for this school year and for their past school year.

- o None of this information will be published for an individual student. It is merely to collect information to document the impact and value of the program for funding purposes. This information will be shared with Touch Point, however, so that it can evaluate the effectiveness of its program and coaches.
- On occasion students participating in the program may be in photographs or video, taken during a coaching meeting or in association with the program, for publicity and/or promotional purposes. Students may also be recorded speaking about the program. We need your permission to use any such recordings for any purpose, including, but not limited to, educational and other public media as may be deemed appropriate by Touch Point Connection, Inc.

If you permit the student named above to participate in this coaching program and agree to the points outlined above, please sign below where indicated.

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I give permission for my child to participate in the coaching program provided by Touch Point Connection, Inc. at Amphi High School based on the terms and conditions outlined above.

Specifically, but without limitation, I give my permission for Amphitheater High School and Amphitheater Public Schools to provide information to Touch Point Connection, Inc. concerning my child’s grades and other achievement measures (standardized test scores, awards, etc.), attendance and behavior referrals, both for this and future school years. I also give my permission to Amphitheater High School, Amphitheater Public Schools, and/or Touch Point Connection, Inc. to survey my child concerning the effectiveness of the coaching program.

I also give my consent for use of my student’s photograph, video recording, and/or audio recording by Touch Point Connection for any purpose, including, but not limited to, educational, promotional and other public media as may be deemed appropriate by Touch Point Connection, Inc.

Signed _____

Printed Name _____

Child’s Name _____ Date _____