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STANDARD DIVERSION TERMS

1. Diversion is a short-term case management program for youth and their families to voluntarily address an offense outside of the traditional Juvenile Court System. With respect to the referred offense(s), if you are successful in the diversion program, no criminal charges will be filed against you and you will not be required to go before a judge in court. Furthermore, if you participate in the diversion program, you cannot be placed in detention for the referred offense(s).
2. You have the option of having an attorney present with you at all diversion meetings. If you wish to have an attorney present at a diversion meeting, you must hire a private attorney at your own expense and, if necessary, reschedule this appointment.
3. If you choose to participate in the diversion program, you must be willing to admit to the behavior that is reflected in the police report.
4. To participate in the diversion program, you must agree to follow both the standard diversion terms, as well as individual diversion terms. Individual diversion terms will be decided upon by you, your parent/guardian, and the diversion officer. Terms assigned will be appropriate and attainable in accordance with the balanced approach and the referred offense(s), and targeted to your risk, needs and strengths. You will be expected to complete all the terms of diversion within the time frame decided upon by you, your parent/guardian, and diversion officer. You may complete the program sooner if all terms are met. Failure to complete the required conditions is a violation of diversion and may result in the diversion case being returned to the prosecutor's office, in which the prosecutor could file a formal charge(s) against you, resulting in you having to appear before the court for a hearing.
5. If you agree to participate in the diversion program, you will be required to pay a program fee. The standard program fee is \$100; however, all families will be provided with a financial form to apply for a possible reduced fee based on income, number of household members, and/or whether financial assistance is received. The program fee must be paid by the agreed upon diversion completion date. Participation in the diversion program may include additional financial responsibilities depending on the terms and the offense.
6. Any additional violations of the law are a violation of the diversion program and may result in your removal from the diversion program and referral of your case to the prosecutor. A new law violation may also affect your ability to go through the diversion program a second time. If you are contacted by law enforcement, please notify your diversion officer as soon as possible with the police report/DR number. Your diversion officer will notify the prosecuting attorney of the new report(s) being filed and it will be in the prosecutor's discretion how to proceed.
7. The diversion file, which contains the police report and standard and individual diversion terms, is private and confidential and is not open to the general public. The diversion agreement is available, however, to the prosecutor, law enforcement, and Ada County Juvenile Services Staff, to include community service and victim services.
8. Your diversion information is entered into a statewide computer system, accessible by those who have authorized access to the system, to include juvenile justice personnel, the courts, prosecutors, and law enforcement officers. If you have no further involvement with the juvenile justice system after successful completion of the diversion program, your diversion file will be destroyed, and your case will be deleted from the statewide computer system when you turn 18 ½ years of age.
9. It should be understood there are exceptions to confidentiality, and therefore, the diversion officer may be required to report:
 - a. Any disclosed physical or sexual abuse.
 - b. Any disclosed intent to harm yourself or another.
 - c. Any disclosed details of a crime committed that was not reported.
10. In summary, you do not have to agree to follow the standard and individual diversion terms, or participate in the diversion program, as the program is voluntary and may be terminated at any time. However, you must understand if you choose to not participate in the diversion program, the diversion case will be returned to the prosecutor's office and may result in a formal charge(s) being filed against you, in which you would have to appear before the court for a hearing.