



# Overland High School

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Dear Overland High School Students and Families,

We hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy during this unprecedented time. This has been a difficult time for students, families, as well as teachers and staff as we have all been navigating the unfamiliarity of this pandemic while doing the best we can to help our families and community stay safe.

We are excited to announce a change to our counseling model to better support all students and families! Our new comprehensive counseling model (which matches most counseling models across our district) is based on last name rather than grade level. This model allows for greater collaboration as well as a greater emphasis on family relationships. Counselors will be better able to address students' needs within knowledge of their family context as they will work with siblings within the same families. This model provides counselors with increased information about the issues and assets of the students' home environment. In addition to this, having students on all grade levels will allow for a team approach for counselors as developmental activities provided for all grade levels are a shared responsibility. The alpha model will also mean that counselors will work with all level teachers, not only the ones that correspond to a certain grade.

We realize this is a big change that will take getting used to for everyone, but we are hopeful that in the long run everyone sees the benefit of our new and improved counseling model. While students will need to stick with their assigned Alpha Counselor for Academic and Post Graduate Plans, students are still free to visit and talk to any counselor for social and emotional issues. The OHS Counseling Department values the relationships students have built with their counselor during their time at OHS and wants those to continue. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the counseling team for more information, questions or concerns.

Be well and stay safe,

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