

**Mayde Creek Junior High  
Gator Groups  
Application  
2009-2010 School Year**

The Counseling Department at Mayde Creek Junior High is organizing small groups of students who would like to meet together to discuss issues that may be interfering with academic progress or their sense of well being.

Most groups are organized as a series of 6-8 meetings, usually scheduled once a week during the school day and lasting from 30-45 minutes. The groups are composed of 6-10 students, a counselor and on occasion an additional faculty member or the school psychologist.

The following Groups are being planned:

**Divorce**      Topics for discussion include:  
                    Separation and divorce  
                    Identifying and expressing feelings  
                    Step Families/Blended Families  
                    Living in two homes  
                    Coping Strategies and developing a support system

**Grief**            Topics for discussion include:  
                    The grief process – unique for each person  
                    Developing a support system  
                    Sharing similar grief stories  
                    Student’s role in the family  
                    Ways to express grief

**Newcomers**    New students who are having difficulty making the adjustment to MCJH may enjoy connecting with other new students and sharing ideas for making new friends as well as exploring ways to feel at home in their new school.

For additional information, call Lois Pierce 281-237-3933 or email [loispierce@katyisd.org](mailto:loispierce@katyisd.org). Participation in a Gator Group requires parent permission. The form below must be completed, signed by the parent and returned to the Counselor’s Office by Friday, November 6, 2009.

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**Gator Group Parent Permission Form 2009-2010  
Mayde Creek Junior High**

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the Gator Group indicated below. (Circle one)

**Divorce**

**Grief**

**Newcomers**

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

