

Students

Psychotropic Drug Use

The Board of Education prohibits school personnel from recommending the use of psychotropic drugs for any child. For purposes of this policy, the term “recommend” shall mean to directly or indirectly suggest that a child should use psychotropic drugs.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, school medical staff (i.e. school nurses and school medical advisor) may recommend that an appropriate medical practitioner evaluate a child when there are behaviors or concerns that may be indicative of medication considerations. School medical staff may consult with appropriate medical practitioners with the consent of the parent and/or guardians of a child.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to prohibit a Planning and Placement Team (PPT) from discussing with parents and/or guardians of a child the appropriateness of consultation with, or evaluation by, medical practitioners with the consent of the parents and/or guardians of a child.

(cf. 5141.4 – Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-212b Policies prohibiting the recommendation of psychotropic drugs by school personnel. (as amended by PA 03-211)
46b-120. Definitions
10-76a Definitions. (as amended by PA 00-48)
10-76b State supervision of special education programs and services.
10-76d Duties and powers of boards of education to provide special education programs and services. (as amended by PA 97-114 and PA 00-48)
10-76h Special education hearing and review procedure. Mediation of disputes. (as amended by PA 00-48)
State Board of Education Regulations.
34 C.F.R. 3000 Assistance to States for Education for Handicapped Children.
American with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §1400 et seq.
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504, 29 U.S.C. § 794.

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