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Psychotropic Drugs

The Board of Education prohibits all school personnel from recommending the use of psychotropic drugs for any student enrolled within the school district. For purposes of this policy the term "recommend" shall mean to directly or indirectly suggest that a child use psychotropic drugs

Psychotropic drugs are defined as prescription medications for behavioral or social-emotional concerns, such as attentional deficits, impulsivity, anxiety, depression and thought disorders and includes, but is not limited to stimulant medications and anti-depressants.

However, school health or mental health personnel, including school nurses, the District's Medical Advisor, the Director of Pupil Services, school psychologists, school social workers and school counselors may recommend that a student be evaluated by an appropriate medical practitioner.

Communications between and among school health, mental health personnel and other school personnel pertaining to a child in possible need of a recommendation for a medical evaluation shall be accomplished through the district's established child study teams and/or the planning and placement team and its procedures, in conformity with state and federal special education statutes.

Further, upon consent of the student's parent or guardian, obtained in writing, school personnel may consult with the medical practitioner regarding such use. In addition, the Planning and Placement Team (PPT) may recommend a medical evaluation as a part of an initial evaluation or reevaluation, as needed to determine a child's eligibility for special education and related services or educational needs for an individualized education program (IEP).

The Board recognizes that the refusal of a parent or guardian to administer or consent to the administration of any psychotropic drug to the child shall not, in and of itself, constitute grounds for the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to take such child into custody or for any court of competent jurisdiction to order that such child be taken into custody by the Department, unless such refusal causes such child to be neglected or abused as defined in C.G.S. 46b-120.

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-212b Policies prohibiting the recommendation of psychotropic drugs by school personnel (as amended by PA03-211)

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 educational services

Individuals with Disabilities Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400§ et seq.

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504, 29 U.S.C. § 794

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