

Personnel

Psychotropic Drugs

School personnel are prohibited from recommending the use of psychotropic drugs for any student. For purposes of this policy, the term “recommend” shall mean to directly or indirectly suggest that a child use psychotropic drugs.

A “psychotropic drug” means prescription medications for behavioral or social-emotional concerns, such as attention deficits, impulsivity, anxiety, depression, and thought disorders, and includes, but is not limited to stimulant medication and antidepressants.

School health or mental health personnel, including school nurses or nurse practitioners as well as school psychologists, school social workers and school counselors, may recommend that a student be evaluated by an appropriate medical practitioner. These school health and mental health personnel may consult with such practitioner only after having obtained the prior written consent of the student’s parent or guardian.

Communications between and among school health, mental health, and other school personnel pertaining to a child in possible need of a recommendation for a medical evaluation shall be handled through the Planning and Placement Team (PPT) process in conformity with both state and federal special education applicable laws.

Individuals who violate this policy will be subject to discipline, up to and including termination of employment.

Legal Reference:

CGS 10-212b (Policies prohibiting the recommendation of psychotropic drugs by school personnel (as amended by PA 03-211)

CGS 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)

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

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