

Personnel - Certified

Recommendation of Psychotropic Drug Use to Students

School personnel are prohibited from recommending the use of psychotropic drugs for any student. School medical staff may, however, recommend that a student be evaluated by an appropriate medical practitioner. School medical staff may consult with such practitioner, with the consent of the student's parent or guardian.

A "psychotropic drug" means a behavior modifying medication used for the direct effect it exerts upon the central nervous system to modify thoughts, feelings, mental activities, mood, or performance, such as anti-manics, anti-anxiety agents, anti-psychotics, anti-depressants, stimulants, and sedative/hypnotics. Medications which are not usually described as psychotropics are covered by this definition when they are prescribed primarily for their psychotropic effects such as mood stabilization or impulse control. These medications include certain anticonvulsants, some beta-blockers, and certain other drugs.

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

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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