

Psychotropic Drug Use

In conformity with state statute, the Board of Education prohibits all school personnel from recommending the use of psychotropic drugs for any student enrolled within the school system. However, members of the school medical staff, including school nurses and the district's medical advisor, may recommend that a student be evaluated by an appropriate medical practitioner. Further, upon the consent of the student's parents or guardian, school personnel may consult with the medical practitioner regarding such use.

The Board recognizes that the refusal of a parent or other person having control of a child 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 section 46b-120 of state statutes.

The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall promulgate this policy to district staff and parents/guardians of students annually and upon the registration of new students.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
P.A. 01-124: An Act Concerning Recommendations For and Refusal of
The Use of Psychotropic Drugs by Children and Utilization
Review Determinations related to Mental and Nervous
Conditions.
46b-120. Definitions

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