

# Personnel – Certified/Students

## Psychotropic Drug Use

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The Board of Education prohibits all school personnel from recommending the use of psychotropic drugs for any student enrolled within the school system. 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 attention 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 or nurse practitioners, the District’s Medical Advisor, school psychologists, school social workers, school counselors, and district’s director of special services/special education 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.

(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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