

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PROHIBITION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS

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

Notwithstanding the foregoing, school health or mental health personnel, including school nurses or nurse practitioners, the District’s Medical Advisor, school psychologists, school social workers and school counselors may recommend that a child be evaluated by an appropriate medical practitioner.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to prohibit a planning and placement team from discussing with parents and/or guardians of a child the appropriateness of consultation with, or evaluation by, medical practitioners; or to prohibit school personnel from consulting with appropriate medical practitioners with the consent of the parents and/or guardians of a child.

Legal References:

Public Act 01-124

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.

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

American with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101 *et seq.*

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

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