

Students

PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG USE

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In conformity with state statute, the Fairfield Board of Education prohibits all school personnel from recommending the use of psychotropic drugs for any student enrolled within the school system. However, school health and mental health personnel ¹ may recommend that a student be evaluated by an appropriate medical practitioner. Further, upon the consent of the student's parent or guardian, school personnel may consult with the medical practitioner regarding such use.

The Board recognizes that the refusal of a parent or guardian 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 Connecticut General Statute 46b-120.

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

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
PA 01-124 An Act Concerning Recommendations for and Refusals 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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¹ Public Act 03-211 defines these persons to include nurses, nurse practitioners, medical advisors, school psychologists, social workers, and other personnel responsible for communicating with parents about a child's needs for a medical evaluation.