

SALEM SCHOOL SYSTEM
Salem, Connecticut

STUDENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USE OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS

The Salem Board of Education prohibits all school personnel from recommending the use of psychotropic drugs for any student enrolled within the district. The Board of Education believes that the use of psychotropic drugs by students is a personal decision to be made by a student's parents or legal guardian.

This policy is not intended to prohibit school medical staff from recommending that a child be evaluated by an appropriate medical practitioner, nor does it prohibit school personnel from consulting with an appropriate medical practitioner with the consent of a student's parents or guardian.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall be responsible for the implementation of this policy and for ensuring its dissemination to school personnel.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes: 10-212b; Public Act No. 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; FERPA: Family Educational Rights Act; HIPAA: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Privacy Rule, 2003.

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