

SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Salem, Connecticut

PERSONNEL – CERTIFIED / NON-CERTIFIED  
STUDENTS

Psychotropic Drug Use

The Board of Education, in accordance with CGS 10-212b, prohibits all school personnel from recommending the use of psychotropic drugs for any student enrolled within the school system. Moreover, personnel may not require that a child obtain a prescription for a controlled substance in order for the child to: (1) attend school; (2) receive an initial evaluation or reevaluation to determine eligibility for special education; or (3) receive special education and related services. 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 attentional 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, Director of Student Services, school psychologists, school social workers, and school counselors may recommend that a student be evaluated by an appropriate medical practitioner and school personnel may consult with such practitioner with the consent of the parents/guardian of such child in accordance with this policy.

The District shall follow procedures for identification, evaluation, placement and delivery of services to children with disabilities or suspected disabilities provided in state and federal statutes that govern special education.

(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.

34 C.F.R. §300.174 Prohibition on mandatory medication

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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