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PROHIBITION ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-212b, the Board of Education prohibits school personnel from recommending the use of psychotropic drugs for any child. Moreover, personnel may not require that a child obtain a prescription for a controlled substance (as defined in the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. § 801 et seq.) in order for the child to: 1) attend school; 2) receive an initial evaluation or reevaluation to determine a child's eligibility for special education; or 3) receive special education and related services. Notwithstanding the foregoing, school health or mental health personnel may recommend that a child be evaluated by an appropriate medical practitioner and school personnel may consult with such practitioner with the consent of the parent(s) or guardian(s) of such child, in accordance with the procedures outlined below.

I. Definitions

For purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:

A. Psychotropic drugs means 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 medication and antidepressants.

B. Recommend means to directly or indirectly suggest that a child should use psychotropic drugs.

C. School health or mental health personnel means:

1. school nurses or nurse practitioners appointed pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-212;

2. school medical advisors appointed pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-205;

3. school psychologists;

4. school social workers;

5. school counselors;

6. school administrators;

7. other school personnel (such as a teacher designated as a child's Case Manager) who have been identified by a Planning and

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The District shall maintain, in accordance with applicable retention periods, all records required by CONN-OSHA, including but not limited to injury and illness logs, exposure monitoring records, training documentation, medical records, equipment inspection logs, and such other records as may be required by specific OSHA standards applicable to the District's operations.

Legal References:

29 C.F.R. Part 1904	Recording and reporting occupational injuries and illnesses
29 C.F.R. § 1910.38	Emergency action plans
29 C.F.R. § 1910.39	Fire prevention plans
29 C.F.R. § 1910.134	Respiratory protection
29 C.F.R. § 1910.147	The control of hazardous energy (lockout/tagout)
29 C.F.R. § 1910.1200	Hazard communication
29 C.F.R. § 1926.1153	Respirable crystalline silica
29 C.F.R. § 1910.1450	Occupational exposure to hazardous chemicals in laboratories
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-203	Compliance with public health statutes and regulations
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 31-367 *et seq.*	Occupational Safety and Health Act
Regs. Conn. State Agencies § 31-374-3	Reporting and recordkeeping standards

Regs. Conn. State Agencies § 31-372-101-1910 (adopting, among other OSHA standards, 29 C.F.R. §§ 1910.38; 1910.39; 1910.134; 1910.147; 1910.1200; 1926.1153; and 1910.1450)

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reevaluation, as needed to determine a child's (i) eligibility for special education and related services, or (ii) educational needs for an individualized education program.

Legal References:

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-76d	Duties and powers of boards of education to provide special education programs and services.
Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-212b	Policies prohibiting the recommendation of psychotropic drugs by school personnel.
34 C.F.R. § 300.174	Prohibition on mandatory medication.

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