

Students**Psychotropic Medication**

The New Haven Board of Education prohibits all school personnel that are not members of the school medical staff from recommending the use of psychotropic medication for any student enrolled within New Haven Public Schools. Members of the school medical staff, which is defined as doctors, nurses and physician's assistants that staff a school based health clinic, school nurses and the district's medical advisor, may recommend to a parent that a student be evaluated by an appropriate medical practitioner to determine whether the student would benefit from the use of psychotropic medication. School personnel may consult with the medical practitioner regarding the evaluation and use of such medication with written parental consent.

The refusal of a parent or other person having control of a child to administer or consent to the administration of any psychotropic medication to the student in most instances shall not, without more, constitute a reasonable suspicion of abuse or neglect by any school staff member, unless such refusal causes such child to be neglected or abused, as those terms are defined in C.G.S. 46b-120.

The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall promulgate this policy to district staff, parents and 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.

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