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Students

Psychotropic Drug Use

The Milford Public Schools and the Milford Board of Education believes that the use of psychotropic drugs by students is a personal decision to be made by the parents of students and health care providers of students. In conformity with state statute, the Board of Education prohibits all school personnel from recommending and/or mandating the use of psychotropic drugs for any student enrolled within the school system. However, members of the school medical staff, including school nurses and the district's medical advisor, may recommend that a student be evaluated by an appropriate medical practitioner. Further, upon the written consent of the student's parents or guardian, school personnel may consult with and exchange pertinent information with the medical practitioner regarding such use. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to prohibit the discussion of a medical evaluation by a Planning & Placement Team meetings, Section 504 meetings, or multi-disciplinary team, child study team, or any other school personnel meetings.

The Board recognizes that the refusal of a parent 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 C.G.S.46b-120.

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