

GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Greenwich, Connecticut

Policy E- 001 – PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND CURRICULUM

Procedure E- 001.18 - PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG USE

As directed by state statute, the Board of Education prohibits all school personnel from recommending the use of psychotropic drugs for any student enrolled within the school system.

However, members of the school medical staff, including school nurses, may recommend that a student be evaluated by an appropriate medical practitioner. Additionally, with written consent from the student's parent/guardian, school personnel may consult with the medical practitioner regarding the use of such psychotropic drugs.

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 Connecticut General Statutes, 46b-120.

LEGAL REFERENCE

P.A.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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