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| <p align="center"><b>DANBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b><br/>Danbury, Connecticut</p>   | <p align="center"><b>REGULATIONS</b></p> |   |
| <p align="center"><i>MEDICATION PROHIBITED<br/>FOR RECOMMENATION –<br/>PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS</i></p>  | <p>Approved: 4/15/04</p>                 | <p>Policy No. 7-143.3<br/>Page 1 of 1</p> |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Psychotropic drugs refer to prescription medications for behavioral or social emotional concerns, such as attention deficits, impulsivity, anxiety, depression and thought disorders.</li> <li>2. According to state law, only school medical staff and school mental health personnel may discuss the referral of students for evaluation regarding psychotropic medication. Medical staff includes the school medical advisor and the school nurse. Mental Health staff includes social workers, psychologists, school counselors and other such personnel who have been identified to communicate with the parents regarding the need for medical evaluation.</li> <li>3. All school personnel are prohibited from recommending the use of psychotropic drugs to any child.</li> <li>4. School nurses and mental health staff may refer parents to their child’s physician for evaluation but will not discuss the need for medication or it’s consideration for use. This will be at the discretion of the child’s physician and the parent.</li> <li>5. School personnel may consult with the medical practitioner performing the evaluation with the informed consent of the parent or guardian of the child.</li> <li>6. No written information will be given to parents regarding the use of psychotropic medication.</li> <li>7. During a PPT meeting the recommendation of a medical evaluation can occur without any direct reference to psychotropic drugs. A PPT is legally obligated under the IDEA to give reports upon a student’s current level of functioning, which includes reports on a child’s behavior. If those behaviors are a concern, and the team wishes to get a medical practitioner involved for evaluative purposes, it is appropriate for the team to recommend a medical evaluation. This could include an evaluation of appropriate medication to address behavioral issues.</li> <li>8. If a doctor has already prescribed psychotropic drugs for a child, it may be necessary for school personnel to discuss those drugs in a PPT or other setting. These communications are appropriate if it is not used to comment on its efficacy or appropriateness.</li> <li>9. The refusal of a parent or guardian to administer or consent to the administration of any psychotropic drug to a child shall not, in and of itself, constitute grounds for the department of children and families to take that child into custody.</li> </ol> |  |   |

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