



Instilling Accountability, Responsibility, Respect

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SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND MEDICAL RECOMMENDATIONS POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to help school personnel understand legal restrictions in providing information and observations about students in an appropriate manner.

Definitions

As used in this section:

(a) "Health care professional" means a physician, physician assistant, nurse, dentist, or mental health therapist.

(b) "School personnel" means a school district or charter school employee, including a licensed, part-time, contract, or nonlicensed employee.

Policy

School personnel may provide information and observations to a student's parent or guardian about that student, including observations and concerns in the following areas: progress, health and wellness, social interactions, behavior, or topics consistent with Subsection 53E-9-203(6). School personnel may also communicate this information and observations between school personnel regarding a child; refer students to other appropriate school personnel and agents, consistent with school policy, including referrals and communication with a school counselor or other mental health professionals working within the school system; consult or use appropriate health care professionals in the event of an emergency while the student is at school, consistent with the student emergency information provided at student enrollment; exercise their authority relating to the placement within the school or readmission of a child who may be or has been suspended or expelled for a violation of Section 53G-8-205; and complete a behavioral health evaluation form if requested by a student's parent or guardian to provide information to a licensed physician.

School personnel shall report suspected child abuse consistent with school policy and state rule 62A-4a-403; comply with applicable state and local health department laws, rules and policies; and conduct evaluations and assessments consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq., and its subsequent amendments.



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School personnel may not:

- a. Recommend to a parent or guardian that a child take or continue to take a psychotropic medication;
- b. Require that a student take or continue to take a psychotropic medication as a condition for attending school;
- c. Recommend that a parent or guardian seek or use a type of psychiatric or psychological treatment for a child;
- d. Conduct a psychiatric or behavioral health evaluation or mental health screening, test, evaluation, or assessment of a child, except when it is incompatible with the IDEA, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq., and its subsequent amendments; or
- e. Make a child abuse or neglect report to authorities, including the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), solely or primarily on the basis that a parent or guardian refuses to consent to:
 - a. A psychiatric, psychological, or behavioral treatment for a child, including the administration of a psychotropic medication to a child; or
 - b. A psychiatric or behavioral health evaluation of a child.

It is requisite by state rule 53G-9-203 that all appropriate school personnel receive training on these provisions. Any intentional violation of this rule will be cause for disciplinary action consistent with school policy and under Section 53G-11-513. Nothing in this policy or state rule shall be interpreted as discouraging general communication not prohibited by this section between school personnel and a student's parent or guardian.