

Sec. 1. PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS AND MEDICAL EVALUATIONS

A Life School officer or employee shall not:

1. Recommend to a student or a parent that the student use a psychotropic drug;
2. Suggest any particular diagnosis; or
3. Preclude a student from attending a class or participating in a school-related activity because of the parent’s refusal to consent to the administration of a psychotropic drug to a student or to a psychiatric evaluation or examination of a student.

“Psychotropic drug” means a substance that is used in the diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of a disease or as a component of a medication and intended to have an altering effect on perception, emotion, or behavior.

This policy does not prevent a Life School officer or employee from:

1. Making an appropriate referral under Child Find;
2. Recommending that a child be evaluated by an appropriate medical practitioner, if the employee is a registered nurse, advanced nurse practitioner, physician, or certified or appropriately credentialed mental health professional; or
3. Discussing any aspect of a child’s behavior or academic progress with the child’s parent or other Life School officer or employee, as appropriate.

Education Code 38.016.