



I. PURPOSE

This policy establishes the type of medical information school personnel of Athlos Academy of Utah may and may not communicate to the parent/guardian(s) of their students.

II. POLICY

A. School personnel shall be properly trained on the provisions delineated in Utah Code § 53A-11-605, so as to avoid conflict with parent/guardian(s) of their students.

B. School personnel may:

1. Provide information and observations to a student's parent/guardian(s) about that student, including observations and concerns in the following areas:
 - a. Progress;
 - b. Health and wellness;
 - c. Social interactions; or
 - d. Behavior.
2. Communicate information and observations between school personnel regarding a child;
3. Refer students to other appropriate school personnel, consistent with school policy, including referrals and communication with a school counselor;
4. 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;
5. Exercise their authority relating to the placement within the school or readmission of a child who may be or has been suspended or expelled; and
6. Complete a behavioral health evaluation form if requested by a student's parent/guardian(s) to provide information to a licensed physician.

C. School personnel may not:

1. Recommend to a parent/guardian that a child take or continue to take a psychotropic medication, or recommend that a parent/guardian seek psychiatric treatment for a child;

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2. Require that a student take or continue to take a psychotropic medication as a condition for attending school;
 3. Conduct a psychiatric or behavioral health evaluation or mental health screening, test, evaluation, or assessment of a child, except as provided in E, below, or consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;
 4. Make a report of child abuse or neglect solely or primarily based on a refusal 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; or
 5. Take any other actions listed in Utah Code § 53A-11-605.
- D. School personnel may make a report that would otherwise be prohibited by this policy if failure to recommend medication would present a serious, imminent risk to the child's safety or the safety of others.
- E. Properly trained personnel, such as the school counselor, may make medical recommendations and conduct evaluations, tests, or screenings as allowed by state and federal law.
- F. Violation of this policy by school personnel is cause for disciplinary action.