

**I. PURPOSE**

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

**II. DEFINITIONS**

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

**III. POLICY**

- A. A teacher may not:
  - 1. Recommend that a student be administered a psychotropic drug;
  - 2. Specify or identify any specific mental health diagnosis for a student; or
  - 3. Use a parent's or guardian's refusal to consent to the administration of a psychotropic drug to a student or to a psychiatric evaluation, screening, or examination of a student as grounds for prohibiting the student from attending any class or participating in any school-related activity or as the sole basis of accusations of child abuse or neglect against the parent or guardian.
- B. A teacher may:
  - 1. Suggest a student be assessed or evaluated by a qualified employee of the school who performs such functions;
  - 2. Assess or evaluate a student's academic readiness, performance, or achievement; and
  - 3. Discuss any aspect of a student's behavior or academic progress with the student's parent or guardian or other employees of the school as necessary
- C. An employee of Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish who is a registered nurse, nurse practitioner, physician, or an appropriately credentialed mental health professional or teacher may recommend that a student be evaluated by an appropriate medical practitioner.

## Medical Recommendations Regarding Students

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D. Violation of this policy by school personnel is cause for disciplinary action.

**Legal References:**

[L.A. R.S. 17:436.2](#) (*Psychotropic drugs; school board and charter school policies; prohibition; teacher recommendations; definitions*)