

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**REGULATION No. 511.2
STUDENTS**

GUIDELINES FOR THE DISCUSSION OF MEDICATION

It is the philosophy of the Carson City School District in general, and Student Support Services in particular; that any child enrolled in this District will be provided with an educational program appropriate to meet their needs. In the case of those individuals identified as students in need of Special Education, this appropriate program will be developed during the Individual Educational Plan meeting. Elements of this program, in addition to academic goals, must address any particular problem presented by the child.

When a child, during pre-referral, pre-evaluation and evaluation appears that they may have ADD/ADHD, the psychologist involved may suggest to the parent that a medical evaluation might be in order. The psychologist may discuss in general the condition know as ADD/ADHD and may indicate where the parent may get additional information.

At no time is a teacher or other staff member to suggest that medication might be indicated. The use of medication even in a general way is not to be discussed.

In cases where the child is on medication and the parent requests their behavior be monitored and reports sent to a physician, the staff member may do this provided that the parent has signed the Permission to Exchange Information Form. These monitoring notes must be objective observations only.

It is the parent's decision whether or not to allow the child to take medication suggested by the physician. Staff members are not to get involved in any discussion with the parent in this area if the parent decides against medication. It is the business of the school to provide the most appropriate educational program possible and to develop educational/behavioral management and intervention systems (non-medical). Any medical concerns must be left to those professionals qualified to address them.

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