

Title: School Personnel and Medical Recommendations

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References: UCA 53A-11-605

### Purpose

The Ignite Entrepreneurship Academy (IEA), in an effort to provide appropriate recommendations related to a student's medical condition, may provide to parent(s) or guardian(s) useful information pertinent to a student's well-being, as defined in this policy.

### Definitions

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

"School personnel" means an IEA employee, including a licensed, part-time, contract, or non-licensed employee.

Other definitions in this section shall be consistent with proper usage within state and federal law, as well as administrative rule.

### Policy

1. Ignite Entrepreneurship Academy (IEA) authorized staff 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 other topics consistent with statute found in UCA 53A-13-302
2. IEA authorized staff may communicate information and observations between school personnel regarding a child.
3. IEA authorized staff may refer students to other appropriate school personnel and agents, consistent with IEA policy, including referrals and communication with a school counselor or other mental health professionals working within the school system.
4. IEA authorized staff may 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. IEA authorized staff may 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 53A-11-904
6. IEA authorized staff may complete a behavioral health evaluation form if requested by a student's parent or guardian to provide information to a licensed physician.
7. IEA authorized staff shall report suspected child abuse consistent with Section 62A-4a-403 and IEA's Child Abuse-Neglect Reporting by Educational Personnel Policy.

8. IEA authorized staff shall comply with applicable state and local health department laws, rules, and policies.
9. IEA authorized staff shall conduct evaluations and assessments consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1400 et seq., and its subsequent amendments.
10. IEA staff shall not recommend to a parent or guardian that a child take or continue to take a psychotropic medication.
11. IEA staff shall not require that a student take or continue to take a psychotropic medication as a condition for attending school.
12. IEA staff shall not recommend that a parent or guardian seek or use a type of psychiatric or psychological treatment for a child.
13. IEA staff shall not conduct a psychiatric or behavioral health evaluation or mental health screening, test, evaluation, or assessment of a child, except where appropriate by law.
14. IEA staff shall not make a child abuse or neglect report to authorities, including the Division of Child and Family Services, solely or primarily on the basis that a parent or guardian refuses to consent to a psychiatric, psychological, or behavioral treatment for a child, including the administration of a psychotropic medication to a child, or a psychiatric or behavioral health evaluation of a child.
15. When appropriate, IEA authorized staff may make a report to authorities that would otherwise be prohibited, if failure to take the action described, would present a serious, imminent risk to the child’s safety or the safety of others.
16. A school counselor or other mental health professional acting in accordance with Title 58, Chapter 60, Mental Health Professional Practice Act, or licensed through the State Board of Education, working within the school system may recommend, but not require, a psychiatric or behavioral health evaluation of a child; recommend, but not require, psychiatric, psychological, or behavioral treatment for a child; conduct a psychiatric or behavioral health evaluation or mental health screening, test, evaluation, or assessment of a child in accordance with Section 53A-13-302; and provide to a parent or guardian, upon the specific request of the parent or guardian, a list of three or more health care professionals or providers, including licensed physicians, psychologists, or other health specialists.
17. Appropriate IEA personnel shall be trained on the provisions of this policy.
18. Intentional violation of this policy is cause for disciplinary action consistent with IEA policy under UCA 53A-8a-502.
19. General communication between school personnel and a student’s parent or guardian, is not discouraged by this policy.

Date originally approved: May 8, 2018

Attest:

Board Chair/President

Board Secretary

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