

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: 8.24 School Personnel Medical Recommendations

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

That the Committee approve the School Personnel Medical Recommendations Policy, Draft 1, on first reading and forward to the Board for approval on second and final reading.

Purpose of Memo:

Recommended by leadership

Background:

This policy establishes standards for communications between school personnel and parents or guardians regarding student health, mental health, or medical concerns. Adopted in accordance with **Utah Code §53G-9-203**, the policy ensures that USDB staff communicate school-based observations appropriately while respecting the exclusive authority of parents and licensed health professionals to make medical decisions.

The policy strictly prohibits school personnel from making "medical recommendations," which includes advising that a student begin, continue, or modify any medical or psychiatric treatment. It provides clear guidelines on what staff *can* do—such as sharing observations of a student's academic and social progress—while establishing mandatory reporting and training requirements to prevent violations.

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1. 8.24 School Personnel Medical Recommendations Policy Draft 1 May 2026 Committee