MSD: Medical Recommendation, Parent Consent, and Student-Safety Coordination

School employees may provide parents with information and observations regarding a student's progress, health and wellness, social interactions, or behavior, and may communicate such information among school personnel when appropriate. A school employee may complete a behavioral-health evaluation form if requested by a parent for submission to a licensed physician or physician assistant, and may refer a student to appropriate school personnel, including a school counselor or other mental-health professional working within the school.

School employees may not require a student to take or continue a specific medication or treatment as a condition of attending school, and may not recommend psychotropic medication or psychiatric, psychological, or behavioral treatment except as allowed for licensed school counselors or other qualified mental-health professionals acting within their scope of practice. A school counselor or other qualified school mental-health professional may recommend, but not require, a psychiatric or behavioral-health evaluation or treatment; may provide a parent, upon specific request, a list of three or more appropriate providers; and may conduct evaluations or screenings only with required parent notice and consent, except where immediate questioning is necessary because the student is believed to be at risk of suicide, physical self-harm, or harm to others.

Source: MSD Policy 4360, approved 2020.