

STUDENT PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Only those persons appropriately certified or licensed pursuant to the relevant Colorado certifying and licensing statutes may expose students to any psychiatric or psychological method or procedure involving diagnosis, assessment or treatment of any emotional, behavioral or mental disorder or disability. Such services may only be performed after acquiring written permission from a student's parent or guardian, or from the student if the student is over eighteen years or age.

In the case of crisis or trauma affecting multiple students at a school, psychological support services may be offered to students in need without prior written permission; however, efforts will be made when possible to confer with parents by telephone before meeting with students. Parents who do not wish their children to participate in such crisis support should the need arise may notify the principal of the children's school in advance.

Any member of the teaching staff who questions whether a planned activity is one involving psychiatric or psychological methods or procedures for which the member of the teaching staff may not be properly certified or licensed shall consult with the school principal. As used herein, the terms psychiatric or psychological method or procedure involving diagnosis, assessment or treatment are intended to have their ordinary and customary meaning which refers to a recognized medical or therapeutic discipline practiced by licensed professionals. These terms do not include ordinary classroom or counseling activities or teaching techniques.

This policy does not apply to the factual and unbiased teaching about psychiatry as a medical science or psychology as a social science.

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IMB, Teaching About Controversial Issues
KE, Public Complaints
KEC, Public Complaints About the Curriculum or Instructional Materials
Special Education Procedures Manual