

MANAGEMENT OF STUDENTS WITH ASTHMA

- A. School personnel will be trained yearly in how to care for children with asthma. Brief training will be done with all staff. More intensive training will be performed with school office and health room staff.
1. General (Brief) Training:
Yearly training will be done with school staff. The in-service training will include the general management of students with asthma. This includes the definition, symptoms, causes, treatment and rescue procedures (Appendix A).
 2. Intensive Training:
Intensive training will be provided yearly to include symptoms, medication administration and treatment. The training will be specific to the individual child with asthma and his/her treatment plan. Intensive training on specific children who require asthma medications at school will be done on a “need to know” basis.
- B. If a student’s Health Assessment Form has a diagnosis of asthma marked, staff will be informed of the student’s diagnosis on a need to know basis. They will be informed if the student has a written treatment plan and the location of any medication the child may need at school.
- C. If a student requires asthma medication at school, a written plan of treatment will be provided and authorized by the student’s parent and health care provider. The plan should include:
- Student’s name
 - Medications, dosages and delivery time
 - Licensed health care provider’s name and phone number
 - Parent permission and signature
- D. If a student has a diagnosis of asthma that is severe enough to warrant an Emergency Care Plan, one will be developed and updated annually. Staff will be trained in implementation of the care plan.
- E. Annually, the physician and parent must fill out a new treatment plan which is the Authorization for Administration of Medication at School Form.
- F. Students will demonstrate to their licensed healthcare provider and to the school nurse the necessary skill to administer their asthma medication.
- G. Students will be allowed to self- carry their asthma medications if written permission has been given by their licensed health care provider, parent and school nurse.