

Asthma Management in School

- **Allies Against Asthma (AAA): OAS+**. Includes the Open Airways for Schools curriculum and materials to implement a school-based asthma program designed to improve health outcomes for children with asthma.
- **American Academy of Pediatrics: Schooled in Asthma**. Offers information about and tools to support this training program encouraging pediatricians to incorporate school health concepts with current asthma treatment guidelines. Contains tools and forms to obtain an accurate asthma history based on symptoms both at home and school, facilitate communication between school personnel and pediatricians, and provide the child, parent, and school with information about a child's medication program, along with guidance as to what to do if the child's asthma worsens. Schooled in Asthma is a project of the [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#) under a cooperative agreement with the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#).
- **American Lung Association (ALA): Asthma-Friendly Schools Initiative (AFSI)**. Offers resources to develop a comprehensive asthma management program in schools.
- **Asthma and Schools**. Contains links to asthma-related education materials, medical information, Web sites, and other resources useful for teachers, administrators, education-support professionals, and parents. Also offers [Asthma Essentials](#), a guide about asthma and how to manage it at school. This resource is produced by the [National Education Association Health Information Network](#) under a cooperative agreement with the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#).
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Healthy Youth! Asthma**. Contains school health policies and program information, statistics, guidelines, and other resources addressing asthma in schools. Recent publications include

[Addressing asthma in schools, rev. ed. \(2006\).](#)

[School Health Index \(SHI\)](#). Comprises a self-assessment and planning tool to enable schools to identify the strengths and weaknesses of health promotion policies and programs and to assist schools in developing an action plan for improving the school environment. The SHI includes a section on asthma.

[Strategies for addressing asthma within a coordinated school health program, rev. ed. \(2004\).](#)

- **Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC) Database**. Covers all aspects of education-related issues through journal articles, research reports,

teaching guides, curricula, conference papers, and books. To identify resources on the topic, type **asthma** in the Search Term(s) box. Click on the Search button to get your results. Click on Search Within Results to narrow your search. ERIC is sponsored by the [Department of Education](#).

- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Healthy School Environments.** Offers self-assessment tools and other online resources to help school districts address environmental health issues in schools. Topics include asthma.
- **National Association of School Nurses (NASN).** Offers professional education program information and resources for school nurses about asthma management and awareness. NASN collaborated with the [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#) and 30 other organizations in the development of the [Health, mental health and safety guidelines for schools](#) (2004), which addresses asthma management, among other topics.
- **National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE).** Offers policy guides and best-practice [model policy language](#) on school health topics that include asthma. Resources and recent publications include

[Fit, healthy, and ready to learn: A school health policy guide -- Part III: Policies related to asthma, school health services, and healthy environments.](#) (2005).

[School indoor air quality.](#) (2005).

[State Level School Health Policies Database.](#) Comprises a collection of state policies in key areas of school health policy, such as asthma management. Click on Policies by Topic and select Asthma Awareness Education, or scan the list to select a broader topic that affects children and adolescents with asthma (e.g., Indoor Air Quality).

[Summary and analyses of state policies on asthma education, medications, and triggers.](#) (2005).

- Taras H, Duncan P, Luckenbill D, Robinson J, Wheeler L, Wooley S, eds. 2004. [Health, mental health and safety guidelines for schools.](#) Elk Grove Village, IL: [American Academy of Pediatrics](#); Castle Rock, CO: [National Association of School Nurses](#). This online compendium is designed to help community and school leaders determine the breadth of school health, mental health, and safety issues and set priorities for future action. The compendium was developed by health, education, and safety professionals from more than 30 different national organizations; parents; and other collaborators with support from the [Maternal and Child Health Bureau \(MCHB\)](#). The compendium draws upon published guidelines on specific components of school health and safety programs and on overall coordination of these programs. Topics include asthma.
- Also see the [Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America \(AAFA\)](#), the [Community Asthma Prevention Program of Philadelphia \(CAPP\)](#), the [National Heart, Lung,](#)

and Blood Institute (NHLBI), the New England Asthma Regional Council (ARC), the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: Childhood Asthma Initiative, and PubMed.