

ASTHMA

Student: _____ Grade: _____ School Contact: _____ DOB: _____

Asthma Triggers: _____ Best Peak Flow: _____

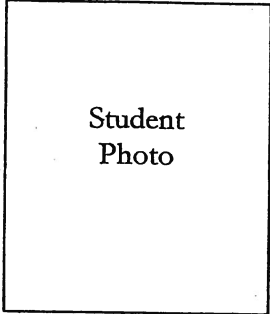
Mother: _____ MHome #: _____ MWork #: _____ MCell #: _____

Father: _____ FHome #: _____ FWork #: _____ FCell #: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

SYMPTOMS OF AN ASTHMA EPISODE MAY INCLUDE ANY/ALL OF THESE:

- **CHANGES IN BREATHING:** coughing, wheezing, breathing through mouth, shortness of breath, Peak Flow of < _____.
- **VERBAL REPORTS of:** chest tightness, chest pain, cannot catch breath, dry mouth, "neck feels funny", doesn't feel well, speaks quietly.
- **APPEARS:** anxious, sweating, nauseous, fatigued, stands with shoulders hunched over and cannot straighten up easily.



SIGNS OF AN ASTHMA EMERGENCY:

- Breathing with chest and/or neck pulled in, sits hunched over, nose opens wide when inhaling. Difficulty in walking and talking.
- Blue-gray discoloration of lips and/or fingernails.
- Failure of medication to reduce worsening symptoms with no improvement 15 – 20 minutes after initial treatment.
- Peak Flow of _____ or below.
- Respirations greater than 30/minute.
- Pulse greater than 120/minute.

STAFF MEMBERS INSTRUCTED:

- Administration
 Classroom Teacher(s)
 Special Area Teacher(s)
 Support Staff
 Transportation Staff

TREATMENT:

Stop activity immediately.
 Help student assume a comfortable position. Sitting up is usually more comfortable.
 Encourage purse-lipped breathing.
 Encourage fluids to decrease thickness of lung secretions.
 Give medication as ordered: _____
 Observe for relief of symptoms. If no relief noted in 15 – 20 minutes, follow steps below for an asthma emergency.
 Notify school nurse at _____ who will call parents/guardian and healthcare provider.

STEPS TO FOLLOW FOR AN ASTHMA EMERGENCY:

- Call 911 (Emergency Medical Services) and inform them that you have an asthma emergency. They will ask the student's age, physical symptoms, and what medications he/she has taken and usually takes.
- A staff member should accompany the student to the emergency room if the parent, guardian or emergency contact is not present and adequate supervision for other students is present. Preferred Hospital if transported: _____

Healthcare Provider: _____ Phone: _____

Written by: _____ Date: _____

- Copy provided to Parent
 Copy sent to Healthcare Provider

Parent/Guardian Signature to share this plan with Provider and School Staff: _____

This plan is in effect for the current school year and summer school as needed.

ASTHMA HISTORY FORM

Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

History Taken by: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____

Alternate Contact: _____ Phone: () _____

Primary Health Care Provider: _____ Phone: () _____

Address: _____

When was this student's asthma first diagnosed? _____

How many times has this student been seen in the emergency room for asthma in the past year? _____

How many times has this student been hospitalized for asthma in the past year? _____

Has this student ever been admitted to an intensive care unit for asthma? _____
When? _____

How would you rate the severity of this student's asthma?

(not severe) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (severe)

How many days would you estimate this student missed last year because of asthma? _____

What triggers this student's asthma?

exercise respiratory infection strong odors or fumes stress

cigarette smoke wood smoke pollen

animals (specify): _____

foods (specify): _____

carpets indoor dust outdoor dust

chalk dust temperature changes molds

other: _____

What does this student do at home to relieve asthma symptoms (check all that apply)?

breathing exercises rest/relaxation drinks liquids

takes medications (see below) uses herbal remedies (see below)

other (please describe): _____

ASTHMA HISTORY FORM

What medications does this student take for asthma (every day and as needed):

Medication Name	Amount	Delivery Method (nebulizer, inhaler, etc.)	How Often
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

What herbal remedies, if any, does this student take for asthma? _____

Does this student use any of the following aids for managing asthma?

- peak flow meter (personal best if known _____)
- holding chamber spacer holding chamber w/mask
- other: _____

Please check special needs related to your child's asthma:

- physical education class recess animals in classroom
- avoidance of certain foods field trips access to water
- transportation to and from school other
- observation of side effects from medications

If you checked any of the above boxes, please describe needs:

Has this student had asthma education? yes no
Would you like information about asthma education for: student self

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Nurse Signature: _____ Date: _____