



Is Your School Asthma Friendly?

The West Virginia Asthma Coalition is recognizing West Virginia schools that are taking steps toward a healthy learning environment for teachers, staff and students who have asthma.

If you answer **YES** to the following criteria, we would like to recognize your school for taking steps to becoming an asthma friendly school.

- ✔ [Asthma Action Plan](#) or Asthma Intervention Guides are on file for each student at the school who is diagnosed with asthma.
- ✔ West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's [Idle Free Zone signs](#) are posted on school grounds encouraging compliance with West Virginia State Board of Education Policy 4336.
- ✔ School nurse or other designee provides asthma education for school staff and students with asthma (such as [Open Airways for Schools](#), [TakeACTION! Addressing Asthma CD-ROM](#), [Asthma Friendly Schools program](#), [Quest for the Code](#)).
- ✔ Procedure and assessment process is in place to allow students to carry and administer their inhaler in accordance with WV Code §18-5-22b.
- ✔ School Wellness Committee or other assigned committee completes, reviews, and addresses issues found using [EPA's Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools](#) checklists.

Consider the Facts!



West Virginia had the 4th highest prevalence of childhood asthma in the nation in 2003.



Nationally, asthma is one of the leading chronic diseases among children and causes more school absences than any other chronic disease.



Approximately 60% of children under the age of 18 with asthma have had an attack in the past year.



If your school is asthma friendly, visit www.wvasthma.org for more information on how to receive recognition for helping people in your school breathe easier!