

New Story Schools of Ohio: Asthma Support and Inhaler Policy

Policy Statement:

New Story Schools is dedicated to providing a safe and supportive environment for all students, including those with asthma. This policy is formulated in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.7113 and is designed to address the needs of students with asthma.

Scope:

This policy applies to all students, staff, and visitors on the premises of New Story Schools.

Definitions:

Asthma: A chronic respiratory condition characterized by the inflammation of the airways, causing breathing difficulties, coughing, and wheezing.

Reliever Inhaler: A prescribed inhaler containing a short-acting bronchodilator for the immediate relief of asthma symptoms.

Guidelines:

Identification of Students with Asthma:

Parents/guardians are responsible for notifying the school about their child's asthma condition.

The school will maintain a confidential record of students with asthma, including specific triggers, emergency contact information, and an Asthma Action Plan.

Asthma Action Plan:

Parents/guardians of students with asthma must provide an Asthma Action Plan signed by a healthcare professional outlining specific actions to be taken in case of an asthma attack.

Inhaler Possession and Use:

Students with asthma are allowed to possess and self-administer reliever inhalers if they have written permission from their parents/guardians and healthcare provider.

Inhalers must be labeled with the student's name and stored in a readily accessible location, such as the nurse's office or the student's classroom.

Staff Training:

School staff, including teachers, administrators, and nurses, will receive training on recognizing and responding to asthma symptoms.

Requirement for Emergency Medication:

If a student does not have the necessary emergency medication, such as an inhaler, and a completed Authorization to Dispense Medication (ADM) form on file, the student may not attend school until these requirements are fulfilled.

This policy is implemented to ensure the safety of students with asthma while at school. Having access to emergency medication and completed documentation allows the school to respond promptly and effectively to asthma-related emergencies.

Parents or guardians are encouraged to collaborate with the school nurse and healthcare providers to ensure that all required documentation and medications are provided prior to the student's attendance at school.

Emergency Procedures

In the event of an asthma attack, school staff will follow the procedures outlined in the student's Asthma Action Plan.

If needed emergency services will be contacted, and parents/guardians will be notified promptly.

Accommodations:

Reasonable accommodations will be made to ensure students with asthma can fully participate in school activities.

Review and Updates:

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness. Updates may be made as needed to align with best practices and any changes in regulations. Feedback from stakeholders will be considered during the review process to enhance the effectiveness of the policy.