

Asthma Management Policy

Because asthma is one of the most common chronic childhood illnesses and a major cause of student absences, it is important for the Carden School of Fresno to adopt a comprehensive approach to addressing asthma.

Purpose

- To provide, as far as practicable, a safe and supportive environment in which students with asthma can participate equally in all aspects of the student's schooling.
- To raise awareness about asthma and the school's asthma management policy/guidelines in the school community.
- To engage with parents/guardians of each student with asthma in developing risk minimization strategies for the student.
- To ensure that staff have knowledge about asthma and the school's guidelines and procedures in responding to an asthma attack.

Asthma Action Plans

The Director will ensure that an Asthma Action Plan is developed in consultation with the student's parents/guardians, for any student who has been diagnosed with asthma by a medical practitioner.

The Asthma Action Plan will be in place before their first day of school.

The student's Asthma Action Plan will be reviewed, in consultation with the student's parents/guardians:

- annually, and as applicable,
- if the student's condition changes,
- immediately after the student has a severe episode

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to:

- inform the school immediately if their child's medical condition changes

Staff training and Emergency Response

Teachers and other school staff who have contact with a student with asthma, will undertake training in how to respond in an emergency.

At other times while the student is under the care or supervision of the school, including field trips the parent in conjunction with the teacher must ensure that there is a supervising adult present who has training and knows how to recognize, prevent and treat asthma.

The Asthma Quick Relief & Emergency Plan will be followed when responding to an asthma attack.