

DECREASE CHRONIC STUDENT ABSENTEEISM BY IMPLEMENTING THE STOCK INHALER FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM IN YOUR SCHOOLS



ARIZONA ASTHMA COALITION

The program provides schools with the necessary tools to ensure all students have access to emergency rescue inhalers at school. During the 2023-2024 school year, the program is **no cost** to your school.

Schools participate in the Stock Inhaler For Schools Program by completing the following steps:

1

Obtain permission from your school leadership to implement the program.

2

Designate at least two school personnel responsible for administering the stock albuterol inhaler at each school.

3

Ensure the trained and designated school personnel complete a self-paced mandatory web-based training annually.

4

Ensure all incidents or a required incident report form is completed electronically to the data reporting system.



Childhood asthma is a leading cause of chronic school absenteeism in the United States resulting in **>10 million** missed school days annually (Hsu J. et al, 2016).



Approximately, **7.2%** of school-aged children in the United States have asthma (CDC, 2022).

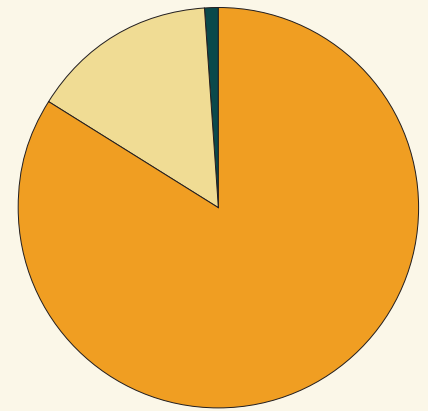


In 2018, Arizona House Bill 2208 was passed in Arizona which allows schools to procure, stock, and administer albuterol sulfate to any child experiencing respiratory distress.



HB 2208 indemnifies schools, school personnel, nurses, medical authorities, and dispensing pharmacists from civil liability when administering albuterol sulfate in good faith to students experiencing respiratory distress.

OF THE **1,038** ASTHMATIC EVENTS DURING THE 2017-18 PIMA COUNTY PROGRAM, **921** RECORDED A FINAL DISPOSITION STATUS



- 773 (84%) Returned to class
- 142 (15%) Sent home
- 6 (<1%) Summoned Emergency Medical System

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To enroll your schools in the program, contact stockinhaler@arizona.edu