



Schooled in Asthma–Pediatricians and Schools Managing Asthma Together

GOALS OF PROJECT

1. Health care providers will routinely assess and manage school-age children with asthma by taking a school-relevant clinical history and by coordinating and collaborating with local school-based personnel.
2. AAP chapters and pediatricians will be active promoters of Coordinated School Health Programs in local schools and districts, with a focus on asthma.
--Participating chapters and pediatricians are directly related to Goals 1 and 2--
3. American Academy of Pediatrics, as an organization, will integrate Coordinated School Health Program concepts into educational programs for members, patients, and parents about health care for school-age patients (including but not limited to asthma).
4. AAP will continue to pursue projects that strengthen coordinated school health, with a focus on asthma management.

Goals for Practice Change

Participating pediatricians will design changes to achieve at least the following four goals:

1. History-taking with school-age children with asthma will include school-specific questions for determining severity (e.g., days absent from school, symptoms at school, participation).
2. Matters related to management of asthma at school will be discussed at office visits (e.g., availability of asthma medications and related equipment at school).
3. Arrangements will be made so that schools receive an Asthma Action Plan (consistent with National Asthma Education and Prevention Program [NAEPP] guidelines) for school-age patients with asthma.
4. Action that facilitates communication with schools will be taken (e.g., asking patients/parents for name of current school, contact person at school, signed consent to allow school and doctor to communicate directly).