The Governing Board desires to provide support systems for students with asthma in order to reduce school absences, help ensure that such students receive appropriate intervention if symptoms occur at school, and enable them to participate in the educational program and school activities to the extent possible.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education)
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

The Superintendent or designee shall involve school nurses, other health professionals, school administrators, and health educators in the development of strategies to help provide a healthy and safe school environment for students with asthma. He/she may also involve school health councils or committees and other interested persons to ensure that the district's strategies are coordinated with other school health programs and practices.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)
(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

District strategies shall include, but not be limited to, procedures for identifying and addressing individual student needs, providing effective professional development on asthma symptoms and staff responsibilities, and identifying and reducing environmental factors at schools that may trigger and/or worsen asthma symptoms.

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)
(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)
(cf. 3514.2 - Integrated Pest Management)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)
(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)
(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)
(cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)
(cf. 5141.27 - Food Allergies/Special Dietary Needs)
(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)
(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)
(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)
(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)
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(cf. 6163.2 - Animals at School)
(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)

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National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute:
    http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/lung/index.htm#asthma
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): http://www.epa.gov/asthma

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