

## Asthma and Federal Laws

### *Americans with Disabilities Act*

This law is written to provide all individuals access to federally funded facilities and programs including public schools. Any child with an “impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities” is included under this law.

For a child, attending school can be regarded as a “major life activity.” Asthma may interfere with a child’s ability to participate fully in school. Therefore an environment must be provided where triggers are eliminated/minimized, and medications are allowed.

### *Family Education Rights and Privacy Act*

This Act requires that health information be *confidential*. Parents/guardians decided with whom and how the child’s health information is shared in the school setting.