## SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Section SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS

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## **POLICY**

Ensuring Asthma Friendly Schools 2015, it is the policy of the Superior-Greenstone District School Board to establish and maintain a policy for students diagnosed with asthma.

The safety of students with a medical condition such as asthma is a shared responsibility of the board, school, family, health care provider and community partners.

This itment to students with asthma.

## **Definitions**

"Asthma" according to the Ontario Lung Association, asthma is a very common chronic (long-term) lung disease that can make it hard to breathe. People with asthma have sensitive airways that react to triggers. There are many different types of triggers for example poor air quality, mold, dust, pollen, viral infections, animals, smoke and cold air. Symptoms of asthma are variable and can include coughing, wheezing, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath and chest tightness. Symptoms can range from mild to severe and sometimes could be life threatening.

"Emergency Medication" refers to medication that is administered by a staff member to a student at the time of an asthma exacerbation - for example - reliever inhaler or stand-by medication.

"Medication" refers to medications that are prescribed by a health care provider and, by necessity, may be administered to a student, or taken by the student during school hours or school related activities.

"Immunity" The Act to Protect Pupils with Asthma