

Asthma-Friendly School Award

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SUNRISE ELEMENTARY RECEIVES ASTHMA-FRIENDLY SCHOOL AWARD FROM FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Deltona - The Florida Department of Health (DOH) in Volusia County is honoring Sunrise Elementary for their dedication to students and the community for the work that has been accomplished to earn the Asthma-Friendly School award from the Florida Asthma Coalition.

Sunrise Elementary earned Bronze recognition by completing six out of ten criteria to create a safe and healthy environment for students. These criteria included: establishing an Asthma Champion and Asthma Leadership Team, twenty-five percent of staff completing the American Lung Association (ALA) "Asthma Basic" course, and providing access to medications for students with asthma with parent and physician approval as per Section 1002.20 (3)(h), Florida Statute. Additionally, Bronze recognition was earned by the school ensuring an Asthma Action Plan policy and protocol are in place with effective partnerships, communication and referrals between school staff, parents, and physicians and sharing recommended asthma awareness materials. Achieving Bronze recognition also requires asthma education for Physical Education teachers so students with asthma are given the opportunity to participate in physical education fully, safely, and in accordance with their asthma action plan and individualized health care plan.

Asthma can be controlled by learning and avoiding your asthma triggers and by taking medication as prescribed.

For more information on how your school can enroll in the program, visit <http://floridaasthmacoalition.com/schools-childcare-centers/asthma-friendly-schools/>

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