

Nearly

**1 in 11**

**12%**

children under 18 currently have asthma in Massachusetts 1

of communities in MA had a significantly higher percentage of children ages 5-14 with asthma than the state average in the 2023-2024 school year 2

An average of

**3**

children are likely to have asthma per classroom 3

**The Importance of Asthma-Friendly Schools**

Most schools have environmental asthma triggers like:

Children with asthma are better able to control their asthma symptoms when steps are taken to identify and reduce asthma triggers in their schools.

 **Benefits**

Better: Fewer:

**attendance**

**learning**

**restrictions participating in physical activities**

**focus**

**medical emergencies**

**symptoms**

Healthy schools with clean indoor air = healthy, high performing students

**If you are concerned about environmental asthma triggers in your home you can find more information from the EPA here:** [**English**](https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/documents/asthma_triggers_infographic.pdf) **or** [**Spanish**](https://espanol.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-05/documents/spanish_asthma_triggers_infographic.pdf)

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