The State Honor Roll of Asthma and Allergy Policies for schools, www.StateHonorRoll.org, is an annual research project of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) to identify states with the most comprehensive and preferred statewide public policies supporting people with asthma, food allergies, anaphylaxis risk and related allergic diseases in U.S. elementary, middle and high schools. The goal of this report is to identify state-level progress towards better school-based policies, and to provide a blueprint for asthma and allergy advocates nationwide.

Get Involved! Review the report, find out where your state stands on policies protecting people with asthma and allergies, see the links to resources below, and take action today!

2012 HONOR ROLL STATES

Seven states and the District of Columbia have been named to AAFA’s Honor Roll this year. Congratulations to: Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Indiana, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington. Click on the interactive map and the additional resource links below for detailed reports for all 50 states and DC, comprehensive reports for the Honor Roll states, study methodology and more.

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NEW JERSEY

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2012 AAFA Honor Roll™ State (Since 2008) Overall, New Jersey meets seventeen of eighteen core policy standards and twelve of fifteen extra credit indicators.

Medication and Treatment Policies:

Meets eight of nine core policy standards in this category:

1. State requires physician’s written instructions to be on file to dispense prescription medication to students.

2. State policy ensures students’ right to self-carry and self-administer prescribed asthma medication.


4. State policy mandates schools to identify and maintain records for students with chronic conditions including asthma & anaphylaxis.

5. State requires a procedure updating health records periodically.

6. State requires that schools maintain asthma/allergy incident reports for reactions, attacks, and medications administered.

7. State requires schools to have emergency protocols for asthma.

8. State requires schools to have emergency protocols for anaphylaxis.
Meets five of six extra credit indicators in this category:

A. State requires local school districts to create medication policy and provides resources, guidelines and parameters.

B. State requires schools to maintain a health history form that includes asthma/allergy information for each student.

C. State has or is preparing an explicit asthma program with policies, procedures and resources for schools to manage students with asthma.

D. State has or is preparing an explicit anaphylaxis program with policies, procedures and resources for schools to manage students with allergies.

F. State has adopted policy stating that school districts provide case management for students with chronic health conditions such as asthma.

Awareness Policies:

Meets two of two core policy standards in this category:

10. State recognizes problem of asthma in schools and has begun to address it.

11. State recognizes problem of allergy in schools and has begun to address it.

Meets three of three extra credit indicators in this category:

G. State sponsors or provides funding for staff training in asthma awareness covering school asthma program/policy and procedure.

H. State sponsors or provides funding for staff training in food allergies.

I. State requires that allergy & asthma are included in health
curriculum for all students.

**School Environment Policies:**

*Meets seven of seven core policy standards in this category:*

12. State has mandated that all schools must have IAQ management policies.

13. State has adopted a policy requiring that districts and schools conduct periodic inspections (of HVAC system & other items important in asthma/allergy management).

14. State has IAQ policies that include specific components important in asthma/allergy management (HVAC, HEPA, carpeting, pesticide use).

15. State requires schools to notify parents of upcoming pesticide applications.

16. All smoking is prohibited in school buildings and on school grounds.

17. All smoking is prohibited on school buses and at school-related functions.

18. Tobacco use prevention is required in health education curriculum.

*Meets four of six extra credit indicators in this category:*

J. State makes funding or resources available for technical IAQ assistance to schools.

K. State recommends or requires that districts or schools use IPM techniques or ban the use of pesticides inside school whenever students are in the building.

M. State has implemented or actively promotes diesel school bus engine retrofitting program.
N. State requires districts or schools to provide tobacco use cessation services to students.

**Noteworthy:**

New Jersey has been selected for the State Honor Roll since 2008.

**Sources:**

State Education Agency Website:  
http://www.nj.gov/education/

State Legislature Website:  
http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/