


MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable JB Pritzker, Governor
The Honorable Emanuel “Chris” Welch, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Tony McCombie, House Minority Leader
The Honorable Don Harmon, Senate President
The Honorable John Curran, Senate Minority Leader

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SUBJECT: The Administration of Undesignated Asthma Medication, School Year 2024-25

The Illinois State Board of Education respectfully submits the “Administration of Undesignated Asthma Medication, School Year 2024-25 Report” to the governor and General Assembly to fulfill the requirements of 105 ILCS 5/22-30.

This report is transmitted on behalf of the state superintendent of education. For additional information, please contact the Legislative Affairs Department at 217-782- 6510.

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Foreword

The administration of a stock supply of asthma medication to persons who may be experiencing respiratory distress is permitted by Section 22-30 of the Illinois School Code ([105 ILCS 5/22-30](#)). [Public Act 100-0726](#) requires each Illinois public and nonpublic school that administers a dose under this Act to provide a report to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). Schools are to report certain information to ISBE about each incident of the administration of undesignated asthma medication within three days after the incident.

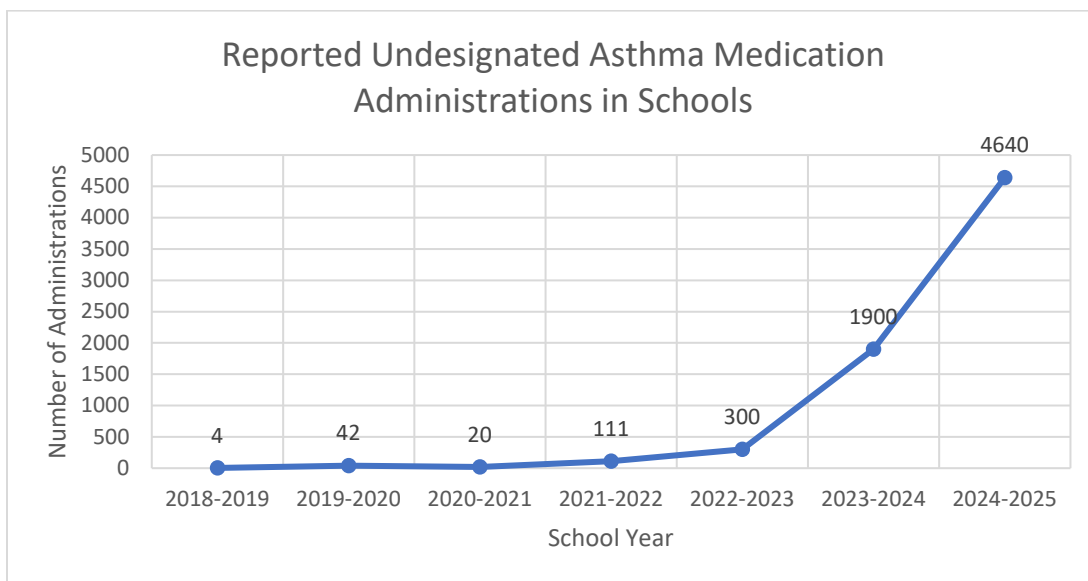
This report is a compilation of data on the frequency and circumstances of undesignated asthma medication administration during the 2024-25 academic year. Inquiries regarding this report may be directed to Michelle Wilcoxson, principal consultant in the Wellness and Student Care Department, at mwilcox@isbe.net or 217-782-5270.

Background

PA 100-0726 was signed into law in 2018 and became effective on Jan. 1, 2019. The law authorizes Illinois schools to obtain a medical order for quick-relief asthma medication, such as albuterol or other short-acting bronchodilators, to be administered through a metered-dose inhaler with a reusable or disposable spacer, or a nebulizer with a mouthpiece or mask. Schools are permitted to maintain a supply of this medication and to train personnel to recognize and respond to individuals experiencing respiratory distress.

ISBE is required to submit an annual report to the General Assembly by Oct. 1 of each year on the frequency and circumstances of undesignated asthma medication during the preceding school year, and to publish the report online on the same day. Reported cases of undesignated asthma medication use in schools have risen steadily, with the most significant increase occurring between the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years. During this period, cases grew from 1,900 to 4,640 — an increase of 144%.

Figure 1: Reported Undesignated Asthma Medication Administrations in Schools



The Act is intended to reduce the number of 911 calls, emergency medical service transports, and missed school days resulting from asthma episodes by better equipping schools to respond effectively to respiratory emergencies.

During the 2024-25 school year, Illinois saw a rise in the use of undesignated asthma medication in schools, driven largely by collaboration among state agencies and health organizations. The Illinois Department of Human Services funds the RESCUE program in partnership with the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America – St. Louis Chapter and Respiratory Health Associates. This partnership provides grant funding for school and district-wide asthma prescriptions, equipment, and staff training.

Out of 4,056 eligible schools, 2,625 (64.7%) enrolled in the RESCUE program. A total of 2,729 incidents of undesignated asthma medication use were reported, with 2,652 involving students. These incidents came from 766 schools across 138 districts. While RESCUE data informs ISBE, this specific report reflects a more comprehensive view, capturing information from schools maintaining undesignated asthma medication supplies regardless of program participation.

Increased awareness can also be credited to recurring education efforts supported by ISBE and the Illinois Department of Public Health, such as the annual School Nurse Bootcamp. These initiatives reinforce understanding of the public act, elevate access to resources, and further promote student safety within Illinois schools.

Methodology

Data collection instruments and procedures used by schools to report data on asthma medication use align with the applicable administrative rules (23 Ill. Admin. Code 1.540). The 2024-25 data collection was conducted via the [Undesignated Asthma Medication Reporting Form](#) (ISBE 34-22) using an [online portal](#).

Limitations

This reporting applies to the 2024-25 school year, which concluded on June 30, 2025. The accuracy of the reported information is dependent on the quality and completeness of the data that schools submitted through the ISBE Undesignated Asthma Medication Report Form. Percentages may not equal 100 for all data tables and figures due to rounding.

School Year 2024-25 Results

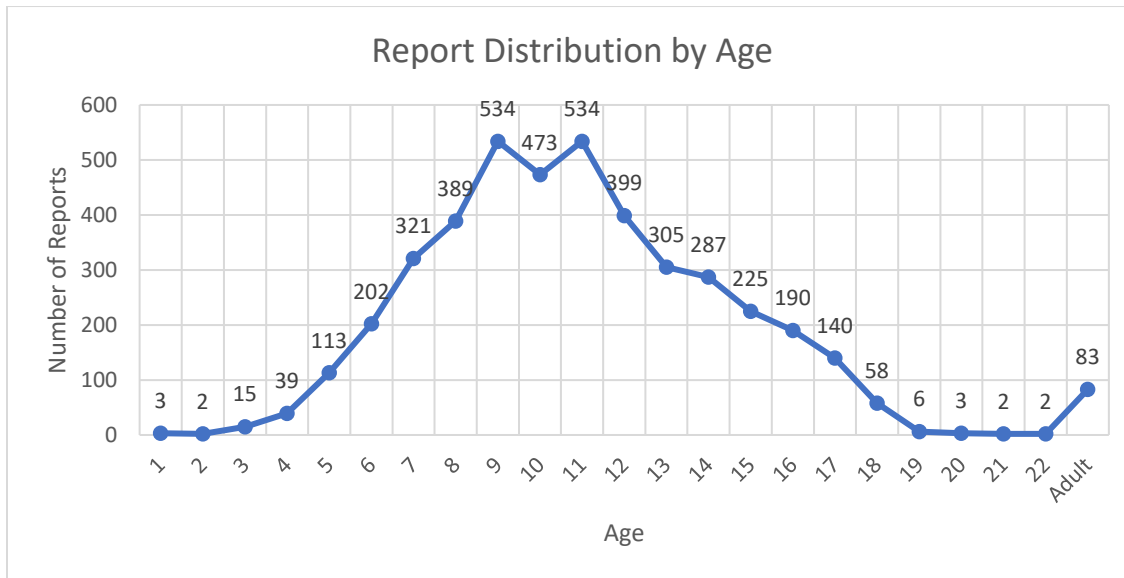
A total of 4,640 Undesignated Asthma Medication Report Forms were submitted to ISBE for the 2024–25 school year. Of these:

- Method of administration:
 - 4,337 incidents were administered via inhaler.
 - 22 incidents were administered via nebulizer.
 - 281 submissions did not specify the method of administration.
- Population receiving medication:
 - 4,335 incidents involved students.
 - 117 incidents involved staff.
 - 14 incidents involved visitors.
 - 174 submissions did not specify the individual’s role.

Age Distribution

The ages of people were indicated in 4,325 of the 4,640 submitted Undesignated Asthma Medication Report Forms.

Figure 2: Report Distribution by Age



- Ages 9 and 11 tied for the highest count (534 each).
- Ages 8–12 are a strong peak range.
- After age 12, the counts decline steadily with age.

Of the 4,640 Undesignated Asthma Medication Report Forms submitted to ISBE:

- 3,105 individuals had a previous diagnosis of asthma.
- 1,223 did not have a previous diagnosis of asthma.
- 312 individuals' reports did not indicate whether there was a previous diagnosis of asthma.

By description of each individual who received medication:

- Students (4,335 total):
 - 2,885 had a previous diagnosis of asthma (average age: 11.04 years).
 - 1,154 did not have a previous diagnosis of asthma (average age: 10.09 years).
 - 296 did not indicate whether there was a previous diagnosis of asthma (average age: 10.73 years).
- Staff Member/Faculty (117 total):
 - 79 had a previous diagnosis of asthma.
 - 31 did not have a previous diagnosis of asthma.
 - 7 did not indicate whether there was a previous diagnosis of asthma.
- Visitors (14 total):
 - 11 had a previous diagnosis of asthma.
 - 3 did not have a previous diagnosis of asthma.

- Individuals who did not indicate if they were a student, staff member/faculty, or a visitor (174 total):
 - 130 had a previous diagnosis of asthma.
 - 35 did not have a previous diagnosis of asthma.
 - 9 did not indicate whether there was a previous diagnosis of asthma.

The number of reported asthma action plans on file for students who received undesignated medication is as follows:

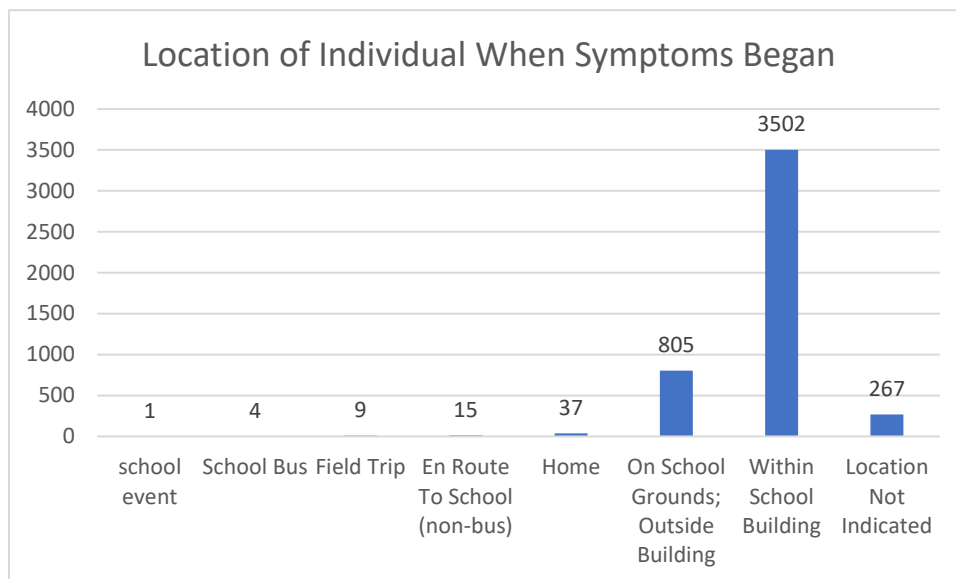
- 1,873 students were reported to not have action plans.
- 1,196 students were reported to have action plans with the drug administered indicated.
- Additionally, there were 1,266 student reports that did not indicate whether an asthma action plan was on file (no response to this question).

The earliest reported use for the 2024-25 school year was on July 2, 2024, with the last occurring on June 22, 2025.

The majority of the 4,640 incidents were reported during the school day, with 2,228 (48%) taking place between 7:10 and 11:59 a.m., and 2,059 (44.4%) occurring between noon and 4:52 p.m. Fourteen cases (0.3%) were reported between 5:40 p.m. and 11:55 p.m., and an additional 14 (0.3%) occurred between 12:15 a.m. and 3:54 a.m., while 325 cases (7%) did not include a reported time.

Of the total reported cases, in one incident (0.02%) symptoms began at an off-site school event. In four incidents (0.09%), symptoms began on a school bus. In nine incidents (0.2%), symptoms began on a field trip. In 15 (0.3%), symptoms began en route to school, but not on a school bus. Thirty-seven incidents (0.8%) began at home. In 805 incidents (17.3%), symptoms began on school grounds, outside of the building; and in 3,502 incidents (75.5%), symptoms began within the school building. The location was not identified for 267 (5.8%) of the cases.

Figure 3: Location of Individual When Symptoms Began



The undesignated asthma medication was most often administered by a nurse, accounting for 4,207 cases (90.7%). In addition, 15 cases (0.3%) were administered by other health professionals, while 190 cases (4.1%) were administered by trained school personnel. Twelve cases (0.3%) were reported as self-administered, one case (0.02%) was reported administered by a parent, and 215 reports (4.6%) did not indicate who administered the medication.

Reporting of incidents to the individual’s healthcare provider was documented in 491 cases (10.6%). In contrast, 3,851 cases (83%) indicated that the incident was not reported to a healthcare provider. Of those 3,851 cases that were not reported to a healthcare provider, 130 of them (2.8% of the total cases) were not reported because the parent declined to do so. An additional 298 cases (6.4%) were left unanswered and therefore not included in the totals.

Most reported administrations of undesignated asthma medication occurred in district-managed public schools, charter schools, and special education cooperatives, accounting for 4,517 (97.3%) of the total 4,640 reports received. The remaining 123 reports named an area career center, nonpublic school, or private special education facility, or did not provide the name of the school. The schools with the highest number of instances were Dorris Intermediate School in Collinsville Unit School District 10, with 57 cases, followed by Winston Churchill School in Homewood School District 153, with 48 cases. Overall, 327 named school or district entities reported occurrences of undesignated asthma medication administration.

Table 1: Schools or districts (official directory names) that administered undesignated asthma medication

District/School Name	District/School Name	District/School Name
Abingdon-Avon CUSD 276	Academy Sacred Heart/Hardey Prep	Addison School District 4
Adlai Stevenson High School District 125	Alsip-Hazelgreen School District 126	Alton Community Unit School District No. 11
Alwood CUSD 225	Ancona School, The	Arbor Park School District 145
Argenta-Oreana CUSD 1	Arlington Heights School District 25	Art in Motion Charter School
Aspira Charter - Bus and Fin	Aspira Charter - Bus and Fin	Athens CUSD 213
Ball-Chatham School District 5	Bannockburn School District 106	Barrington CUSD 220
Batavia USD 101	Belleville Township High School District 201	Belvidere CUSD 100
Benjamin School District 25	Bensenville School District 2	Berkeley School District 87
Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School	Berwyn North School District 98	Berwyn South School District 100
Bethalto Community Unit School District 8	Bismarck Henning CUSD 1	Bloomington Public School District 87
Bond County Community Unit 2	Bremen CHSD 228	Brimfield School District 309
Brownstown CUSD 201	Butler District 53	Byron 226
Cahokia Unit School District 187	Calumet City SD 155	Cambridge School District 227
Carbondale CHSD 165	Carbondale Elementary School District 95	Carmi-White County CUSD 5
Carterville CUSD 5	Cary School District 26	Cass School District 63
Central School District 51	Champaign CUSD 4	Channahon District 17

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Charleston CUSD 1	Chicago Public Schools Dist 299	Cicero School District 99
CICS - Bond Campus	CICS - Prairie Campus	CICS-NORTHTOWN CAMPUS
Clinton CUSD 15	Collinsville Unit School District 10	Community Consolidated School District 146
Community Consolidated School District 15	Community Consolidated School District 181	Community Consolidated School District 21
Community Consolidated School District 59	Community Consolidated School District 62	Community Consolidated School District 93
Community High School District 117	Community High School District 128	Community High School District 155
Community High School District 218	Community High School District 99	Community Unit School District 200
Community Unit School District 300	Consolidated High School District 230	Cook County District 154
Cornerstone Christian Academy	Cove School	Crystal Lake Consolidated School District 47
Cumberland CUSD 77	Dakota CUSD 201	Darien School District 61
Decatur Public School District 61	Deer Creek-Mackinaw CUSD 701	Deerfield Public Schools District 109
DeKalb CUSD 428	Delavan CUSD 703	District 214 Specialized Schools
Dixon Public Schools 170	Downers Grove Grade School District 58	Dunlap CUSD 323
DuPage County School District 45	DuPage High School District 88	East Maine School District 63
East Prairie School District 73	ECHO School	Egyptian Community School District 5
El Paso Gridley CUSD 11	Elmhurst CUSD 205	Elmwood Park CUSD 401
Elwood CCSD 203	Emmons School District 33	Evanston Township High School District 202
Fairview District 72	Fenwick High School	Flossmoor School District 161
Ford Heights School District 169	Forest Park School District 91	Forest Ridge School District 142
Fox River Grove School District 3	Frances Xavier Warde School	Franklin Park School District 84
Freeport School District 145	Galena USD 120	Galesburg CUSD 205
Geneva Community School District 304	Glenbard Twp HSD 87	Glenbrook High School District 225
Glencoe District 35	Glenview CCSD 34	Golf ESD 67
Granite City School District 9	Grant CCSD 110	Grant Community High School District 124
Grayslake CCSD 46	Grayslake Community High School District 127	Griggsville-Perry CUSD 4
Gurnee District 56	Hammitt School	Harlem School District 122
Havana CUSD 126	Hawthorn District 73	Herrin CUSD 4
Hinckley Big Rock CUSD 429	Homer CCSD 33C	Homewood School District 153

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Homewood-Flossmoor High School District 233	Horizon Science Acad-Belmont	Huntley Community School District 158
Indian Prairie CUSD 204	Iuka CCSD 7	J Sterling Morton High School District 201
Jasper County Community Unit School District 1	Joppa-Maple Grove Unit School District 38	Kaneland CUSD 302
Kaneland Ignight Personalized Learning Academy	Kenilworth School District 38	Kewanee CUSD 229
Kildeer Countryside CCSD 96	Kinnikinnick CCSD 131	Kirby School District 140
Knapp School & Yeshiva	Komarek School District 94	La Grange Area Department of Special Education District 204.5
La Grange School District 105	La Moille Community Unit School District 303	La Salle Elementary School District 122
Lake Bluff School District 65	Lake County Tech Campus - 849	Lake Villa School District 41
Lake Zurich Community Unit School District 95	Lansing School District 158	Latin School of Chicago Lower
Latin School of Chicago, The	Lawrence County CUSD 20	LEARN Charter Excel Campus
Legal Prep Academy Charter HS	Leyden CHSD 212	Libertyville School District 70
Limestone Community High School District 310	Lindop School District 92	Lisle District 202
Litchfield School District 12	Lockport School District 91	Lombard Elementary District 44
Lycée Français de Chicago	Lyons School District 103	Lyons Township High School District 204
Macomb District 185	Maercker School District 60	Mahomet-Seymour CUSD 3
Maine Township High School District 207	Marengo Union Consolidated School District 165	Marissa CUSD 40
Maroa Forsyth CUSD 2	Mattoon CUSD 2	Maywood School District 89
McHenry School District 15	McLean County Unit District 5	Medinah School District 11
Mendon Unity CUSD 4	Mercer County School District 404	Meridian CUSD 15
Meridian CUSD 223	Metamora CCSD 1	Midland School District 7
Midlothian School District 143	Millstadt Consolidated School District 160	Minooka CCSD 201
Mokena School District 159	Moline-Coal Valley CUSD 40	Momence School District 1
Morton CUSD 709	Morton Grove School District 70	Mount Prospect School District 57
Mundelein District 75	Murphysboro High School 186	Naperville CUSD 203
Nauvoo-Colusa CUSD 325	New Berlin CUSD 16	New Trier Township H S District 203
Newark CCSD 66	Niles ESD 71	Niles Township District for Special Education 807
Niles Township High School District 219	Nokomis CUSD 22	North Boone CUSD 200

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North Chicago Community School District 187	North Mac CUSD 34	North Palos School District 117
North Shore School District 112	Northbrook District 28	Northbrook ESD 27
Northbrook/Glenview School District 30	Oak Park and River Forest High School District 200	Oak Park Elementary School District 97
Oakwood CUSD 76	O'Fallon CCSD 90	Oglesby Public Schools 125
Olympia CUSD 16	Orangeville CUSD 203	Oregon CUSD 220
Orland School District 135	Oswego CUSD 308	Ottawa Elementary School District 141
Palos CCSD 118	Palos Heights School District 128	Pana CUSD 8
Park Ridge Niles School District 64	Paxton-Buckley-Loda CUD 10	Pekin PSD 108
Peoria Heights School District 325	Peoria Public Schools District 150	Peotone CUSD 207U
Peru Elementary School District 124	Pinckneyville District 50	Plainfield CCSD 202
Pleasant Plains CUSD 8	Posen-Robbins School District 143.5	Prairie Crossing Charter School
Prairie Grove Consolidated District 46	Prairie Hill School District 133	Prairie Hills Elementary SD 144
Princeton HSD 500	Prospect Heights School District 23	Quincy Public Schools 172
Rankin School District 98	Rhodes School District 84.5	Rich Township High School District 227
Ridgeview CUSD 19	River Bend CSD Unit 2	River Trails School District 26
Riverdale CUSD 100	Riverside School District 96	Riverton CUSD 14
Roanoke Benson CUSD 60	Rochester CUSD 3A	Rock Falls Elementary District 13
Rock Island-Milan School District 41	Rockford Public Schools District 205	Rockton School District 140
Round Lake CUSD 116	Sandoval CUSD 501	Sandwich CUSD 430
Saratoga CCSD 60C	Scales Mound CUSD 211	Schaumburg CCSD 54
Schiller Park School District 81	School District U-46	Schuyler-Industry CUSD 5
SEAL Romeoville	Seneca High School District 160	Sherrard CUSD 200
Skokie SD 73-5	Sparta CUSD 140	Special Education District of Lake County 825
Springfield Ball Charter School	Springfield Public Schools District 186	St. Charles CUSD 303
St. George CCSD 258	Sterling Public Schools Unit 5	Stockton School District 206
Streator Township High School District 40	Sullivan School District 300	Summit School District 104
Sunset Ridge School District 29	Sycamore CUSD 427	Thornton Township High School District 205
Tolono CUSD 7	Township High School District 113	Township High School District 211
Township High School District 214	Triad CUSD 2	Tri-Valley CUSD 3

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Tuscola School District 301	Union Ridge School District 86	United Township High School District 30
University of Chicago Chtr - Woodlawn	University of Chicago Lab Schools	Urbana School District 116
Valley View CUSD 365U	Villa Park School District 45	Warrensburg-Latham CUSD 11
Washington Community High School District 308	Washington District 50 schools	Waukegan CUSD 60
West Aurora School District 129	West Carroll CUSD 314	West Chicago Elementary School District 33
Western Springs School District 101	Westmont CUSD 201	Whiteside School District 115
Williamsville-Sherman CUSD 15	Willow Springs School District 108	Wilmette Public Schools District 39
Winchester CUSD 1	Winthrop Harbor School District 1	Wood Dale School District 7
Woodland School District 50	Worth School District 127	Yorkville CUSD 115