

EMERGENCY TREATMENT PROCEDURES

For BUS PERSONNEL

ASTHMA

Symptoms: **wheezing**-high pitched sound during breathing out, rapid breathing, flaring (widening) of nostrils, increased use of stomach and chest muscles during breathing, tightness in chest, **excessive coughing**, and/or not speaking in full sentences.

ACTION: put student in this position to help with breathing (tripod position).



Ask student if they have their inhaler. Administer inhaler, do not leave child alone, call dispatch, notify parent to pick up student.

No inhaler available: remain calm and encourage the student to sit and breathe slowly and deeply in through their nose and out through the mouth. Do not leave student alone, call dispatch, call 911 if necessary, notify parent to pick up student.

Emergency procedures: Symptoms are not improving or getting worse, medication is not helping, lips or nail beds are turning blue, if student can't talk well, breathing is hard and fast, rib or neck muscles show when breathing in: Call dispatch, Call 911, or proceed to hospital.