

# School Health Survey Results

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# Survey Description

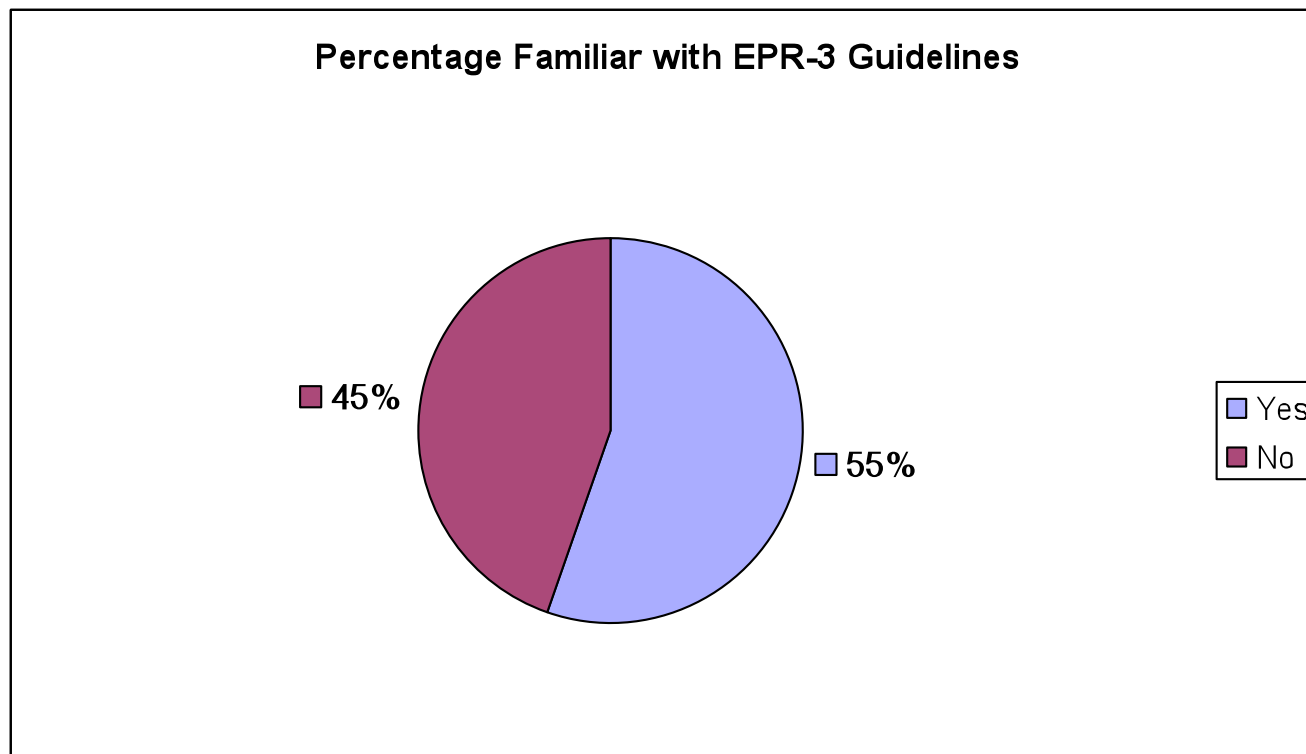
- An online survey on current asthma management and control practices in schools
- Disseminated to 67 school health coordinators using [www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com)
- A total of 57 responses
- Majority of survey questions were multiple choice and allowed more than one response

# County Representation

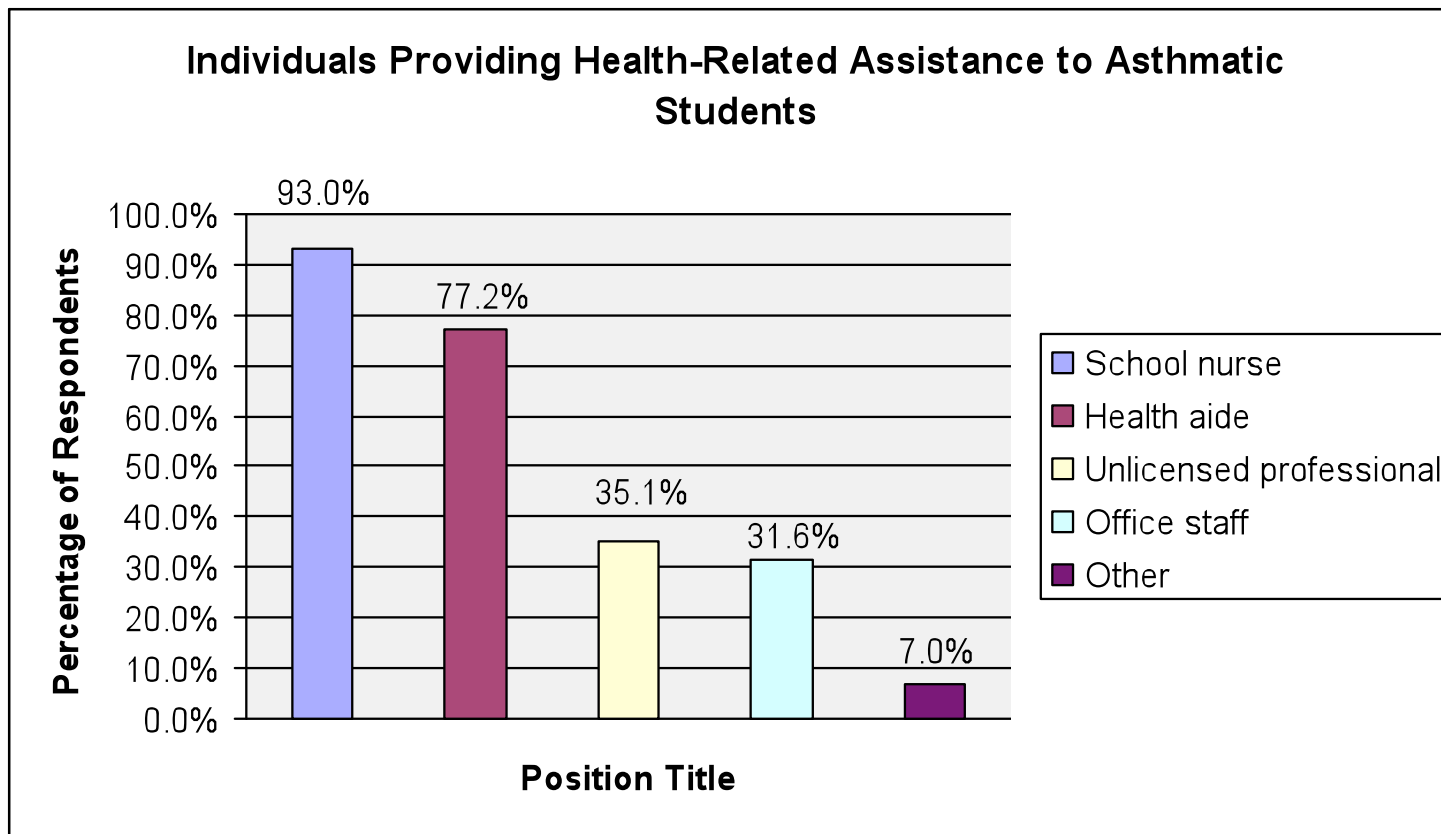
**Table 1: Counties Represented by Completed Surveys**

• Alachua	• Lake
• Bay	• Leon
• Bradford	• Levy
• Broward	• Madison
• Calhoun	• Marion
• Charlotte	• Martin
• Citrus	• Monroe
• Clay	• Nassau
• Collier	• Okaloosa
• Columbia	• Okeechobee
• Dade	• Orange
• De Soto	• Osceola
• Dixie	• Palm Beach
• Escambia	• Pasco
• Flagler	• Pinellas
• Franklin	• Polk
• Gadsden	• Putnam
• Glades	• Santa Rosa
• Gulf	• Sarasota
• Hamilton	• St. Johns
• Hardee	• Sarasota
• Hendry	• SBBC
• Hernando	• Seminole
• Highlands	• St. Lucie
• Hillsborough	• Sumter
• Holmes	• Suwannee
• Indian River	• Taylor
• Jackson	• Volusia
• Lafayette	• Washington

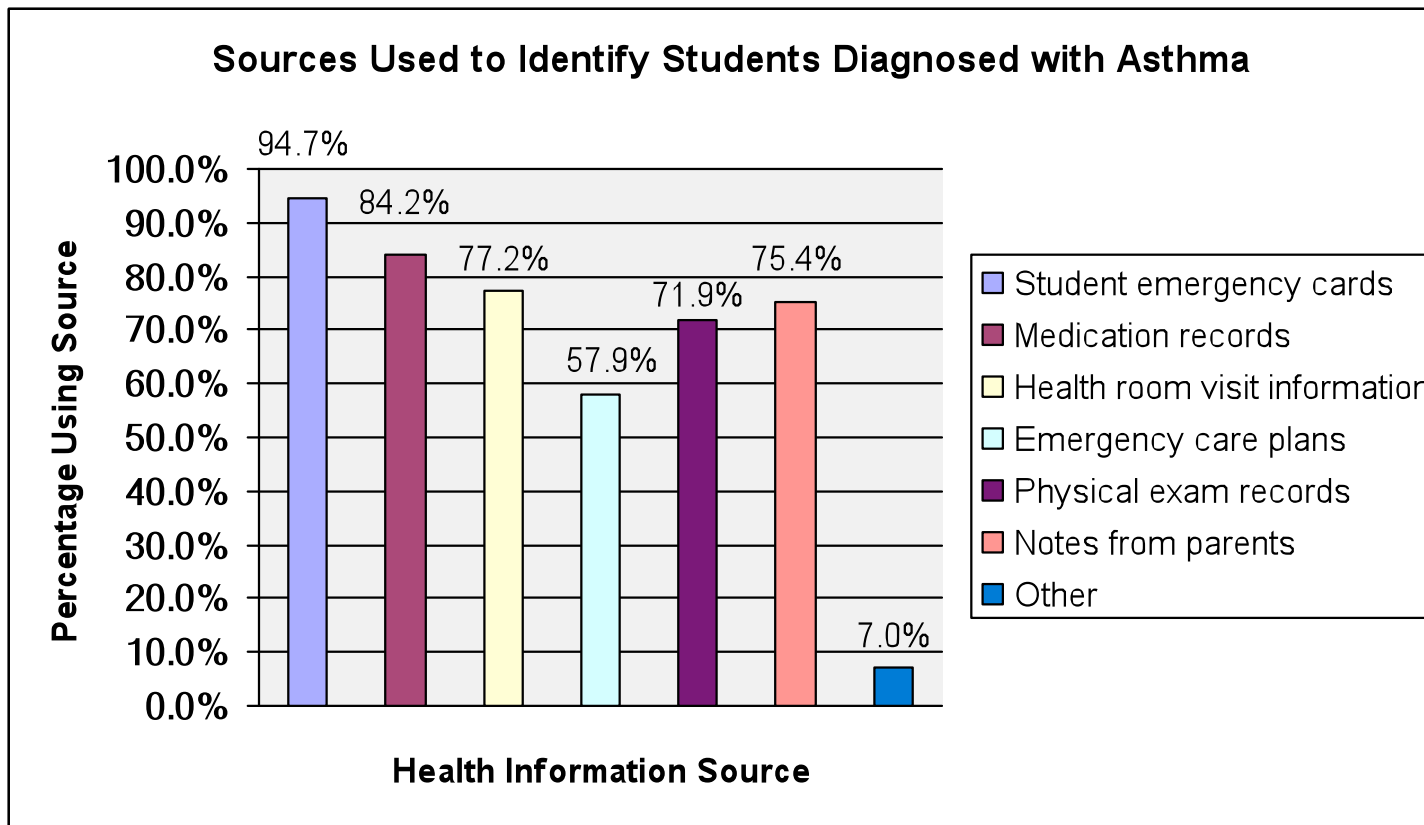
Are you familiar with the Expert Panel Report 3 (EPR3):  
Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma?



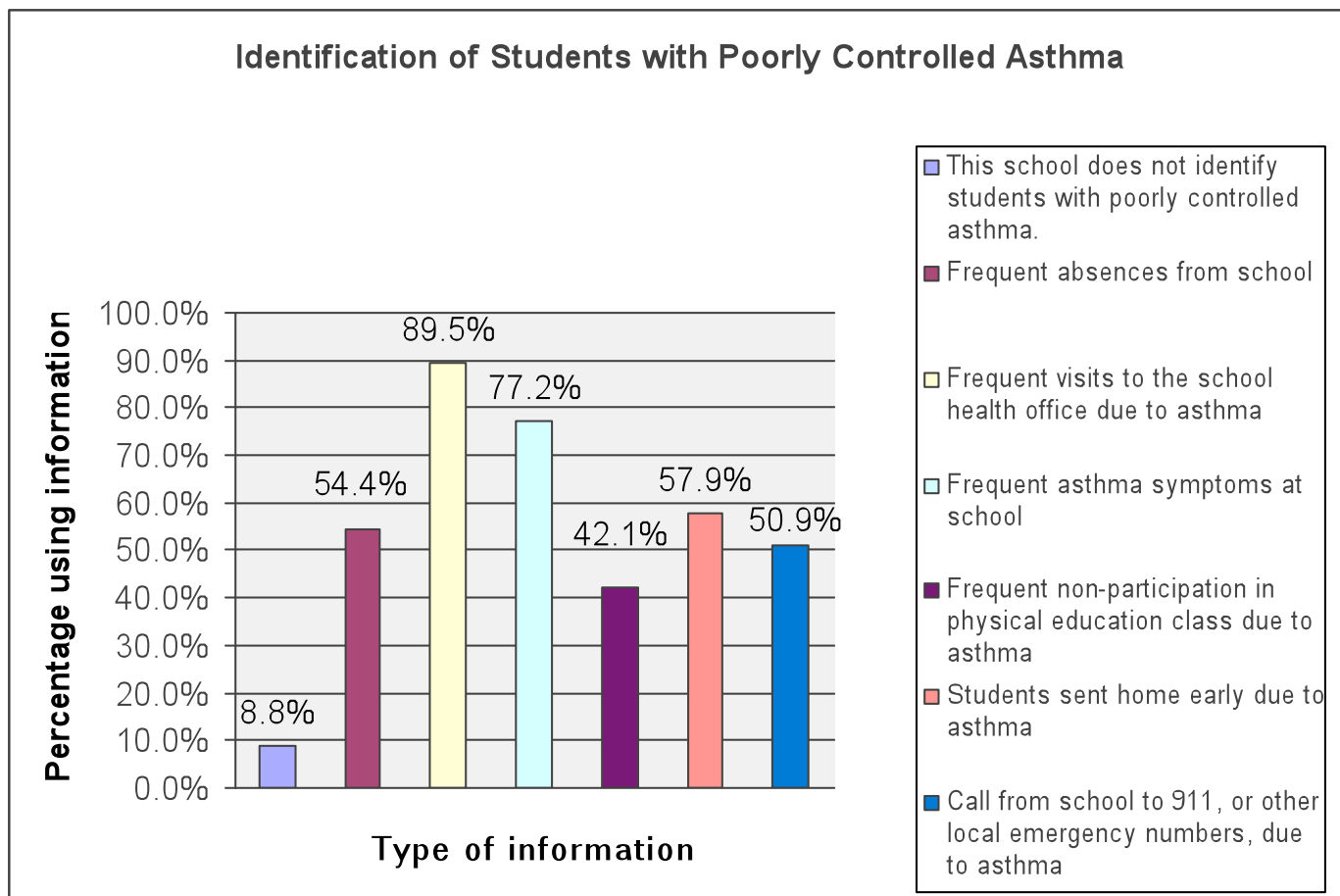
Typically, who usually provides health-related assistance for students with asthma in your county school district?  
(Check all that apply)



Which of the following sources of school health information does your county school district use to identify students diagnosed with asthma? (Check all that apply)



In your county school district, which of the following information is used to identify students with poorly controlled asthma? (Check all that apply)

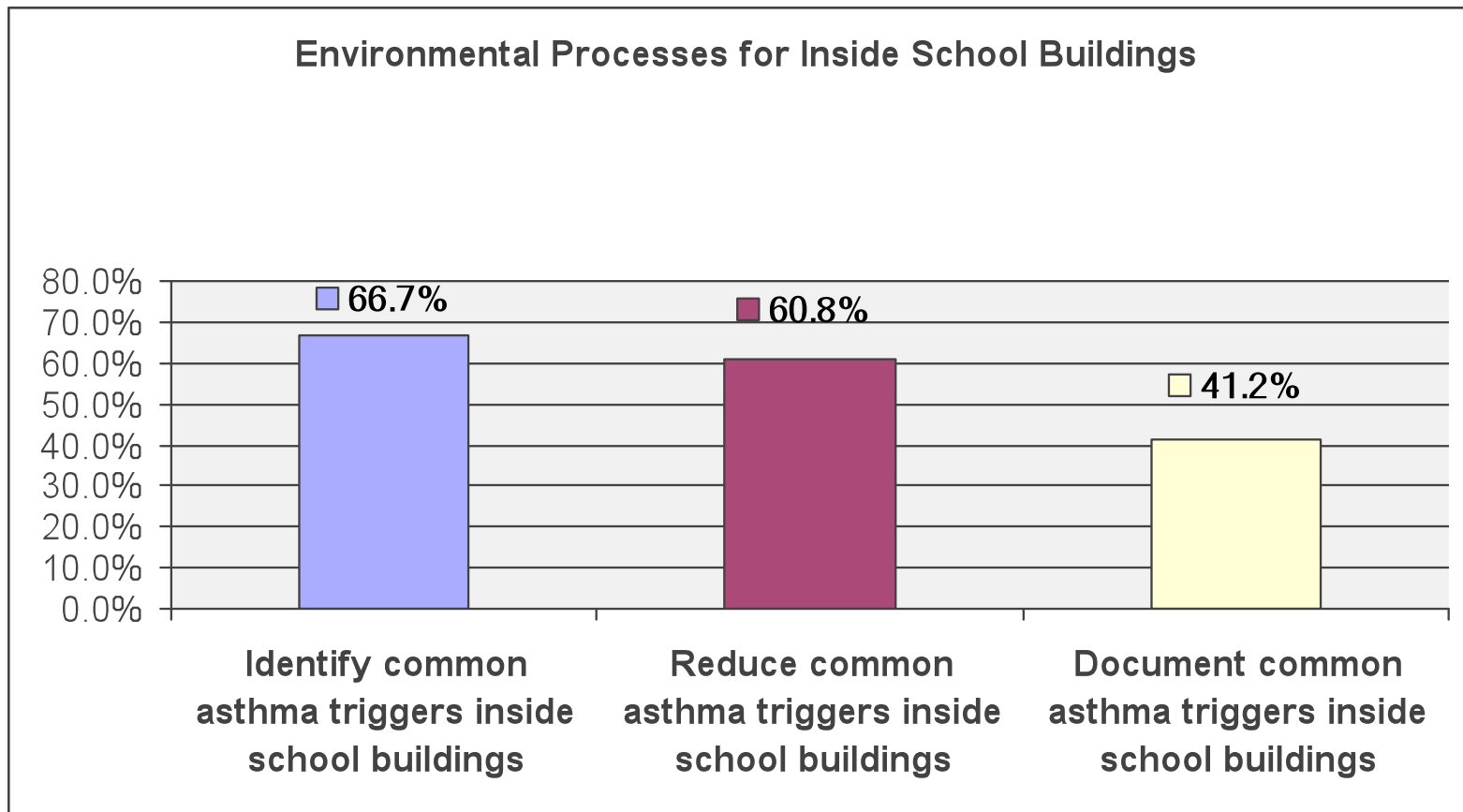


Does your county school district provide the following services for students with poorly controlled asthma? (Mark yes or no for each service)

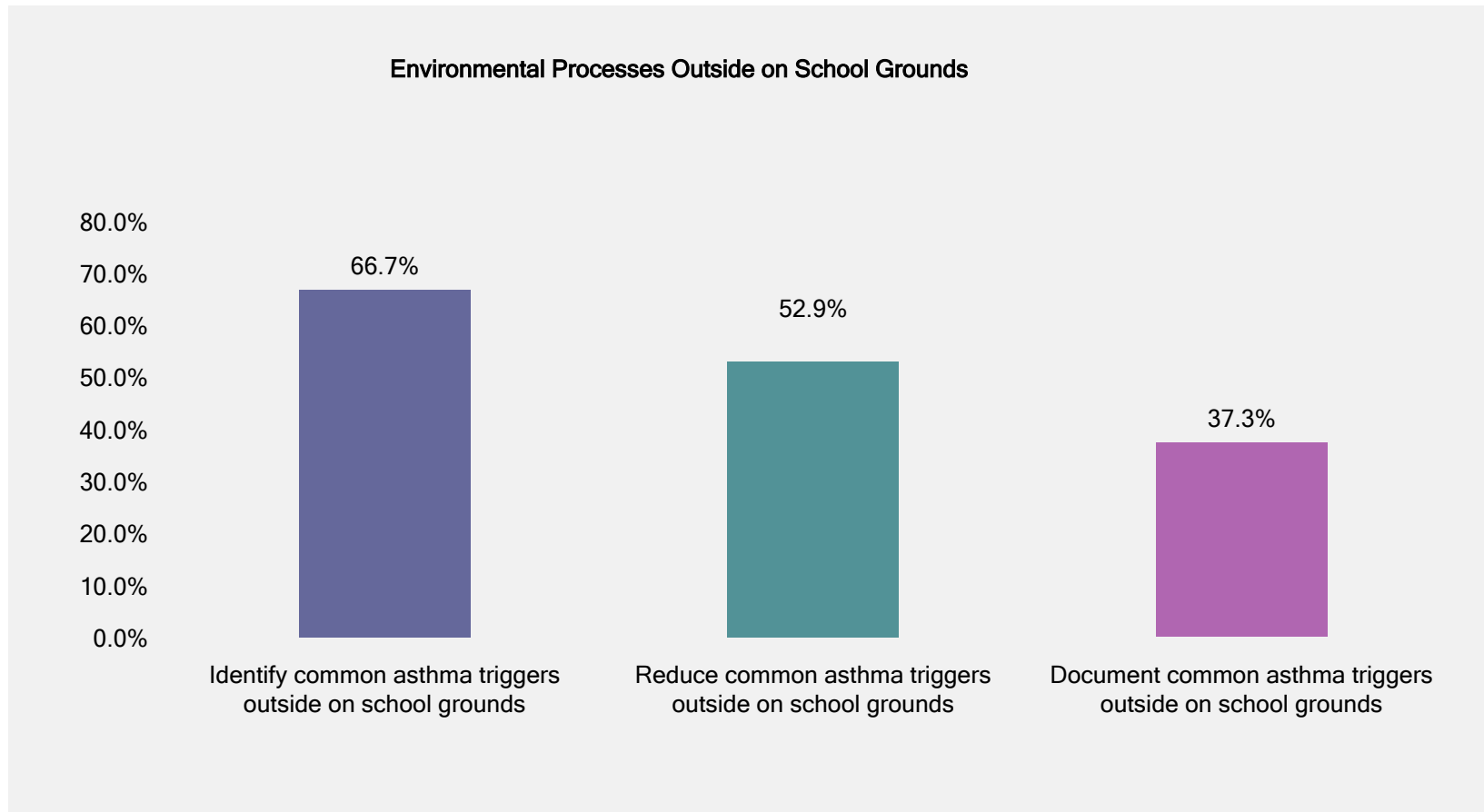
Answer Options	Yes	No
a. Providing referrals to primary healthcare clinicians	41	13
b. Providing referrals to child health insurance programs	36	14
c. Ensuring an appropriate written asthma action plan is obtained	54	3
d. Ensuring access to and appropriate use of asthma medications, spacers, and peak flow meters at school	54	1
e. Offering asthma education for the student with asthma and his/her family	38	15
f. Minimizing asthma triggers in the school environment	42	9
g. Addressing social and emotional issues related to asthma	37	13
h. Providing additional support services as needed	44	8
i. Ensuring access to safe, enjoyable physical education and activity opportunities	49	4
j. Team coaches ensure access to preventive medications before physical activity	45	6
Other (please specify)		



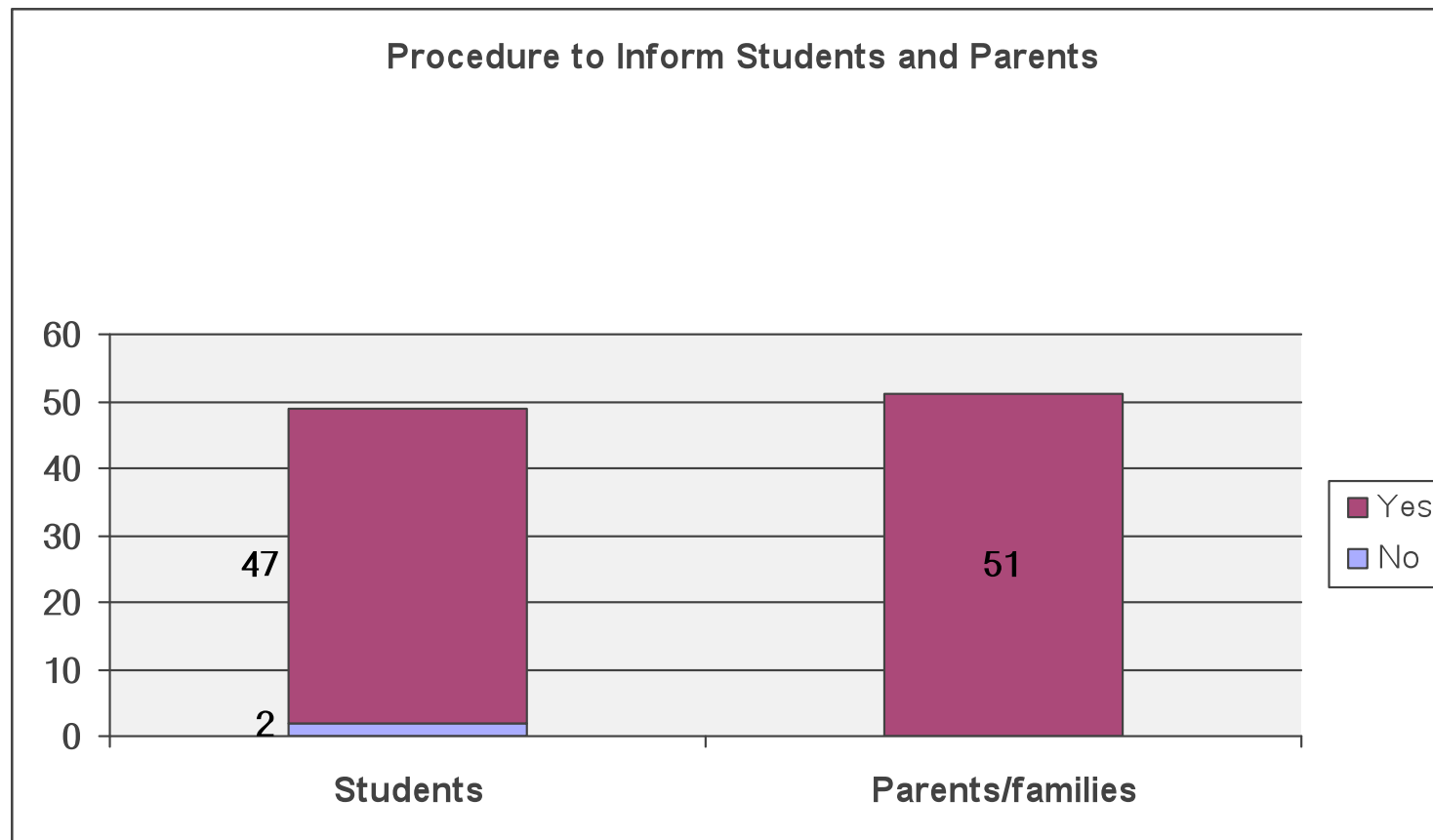
Does your county school district have a process to do the following in school buildings? Check all that apply.  
(Asthma triggers: i.e. mold, cockroaches, aerosol spray, etc.)



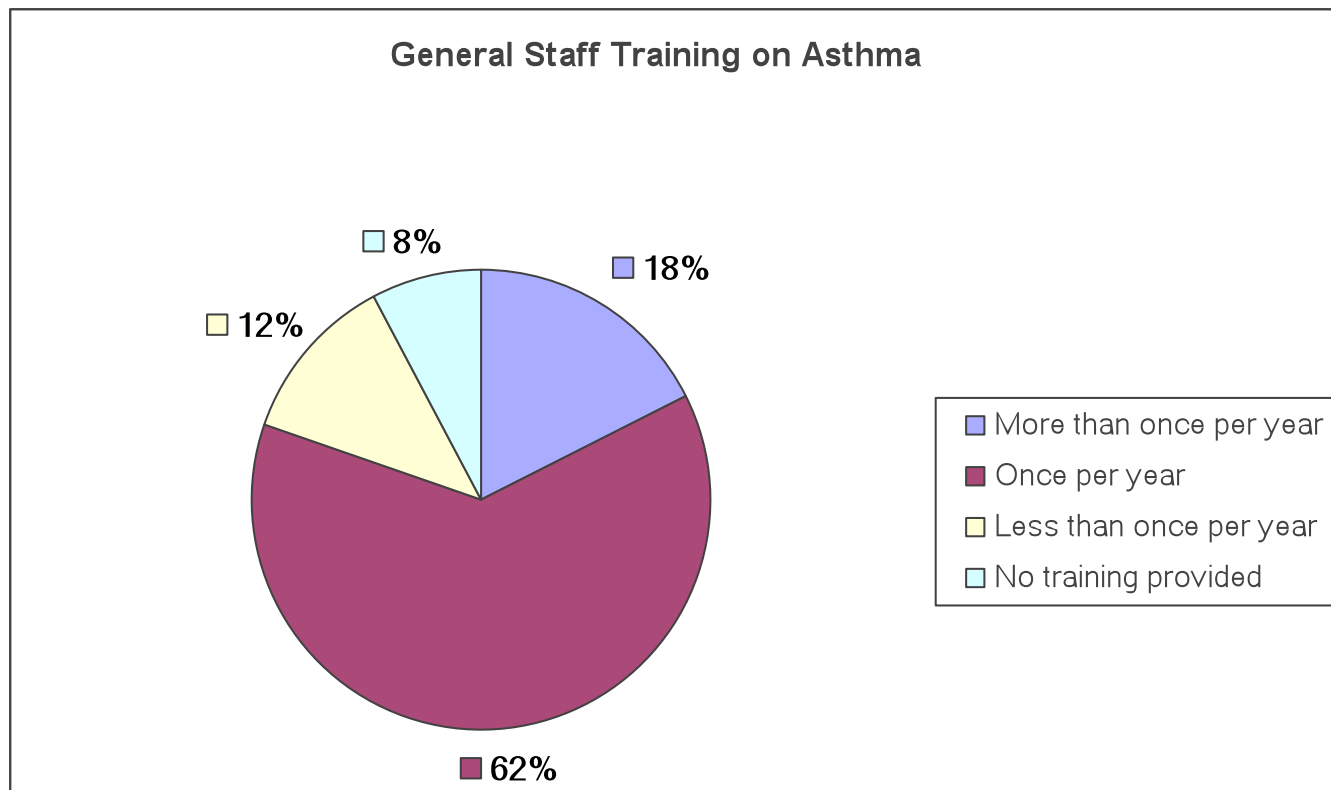
Does your county school district have a process to do the following outside on school grounds? Check all that apply. (Asthma triggers: i.e. smoke, pesticide spray, fertilizer, etc.)



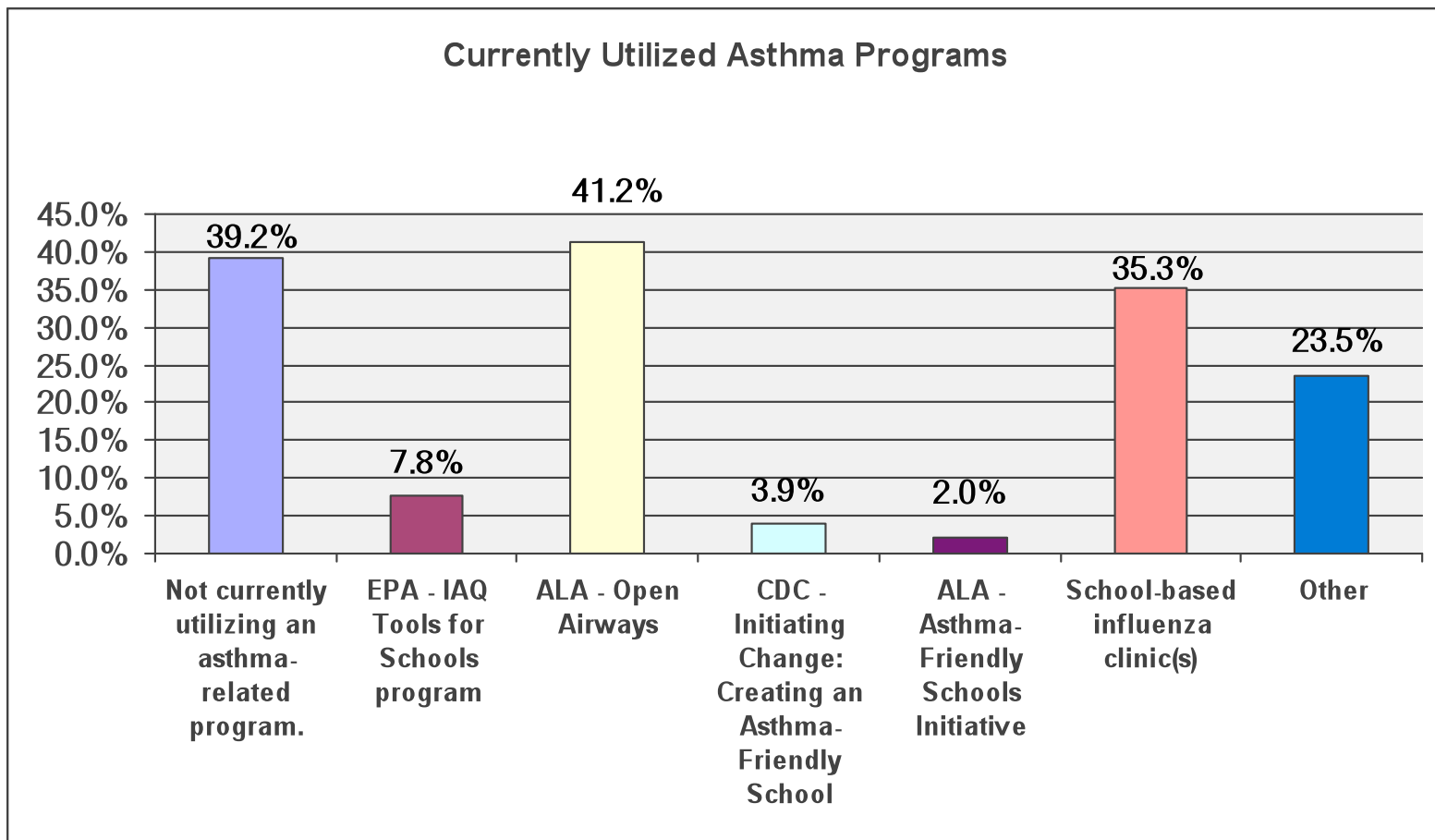
Does your county school district have a procedure to inform each of the following groups about your school's policy permitting students to carry and self-administer asthma medications? (Mark yes or no for each group)



How often are school staff members receiving general training on recognizing and responding to severe asthma symptoms? (Check one response)



What asthma-related programs are you utilizing in your county school district? Check all that apply.



# Counties without an Asthma program

- Franklin
- Highlands
- Lafayette
- Sarasota
- Indian River
- Sumter
- Charlotte
- Santa Rosa
- Levy
- Nassau
- Okaloosa
- Bay
- Suwannee
- Gulf
- Flagler
- Hernando
- Calhoun
- Okeechobee
- Miami-Dade
- Jackson

What are your major asthma-related concerns in your county school district?

- Parents do not provide the inhalers until an asthma episode occurs
- Burning of sugar cane
- Lack of nursing staff to provide asthma education
- Financial strain on schools and parents
- Physicians not properly treating children with asthma

# Recommendations

- Provide technical assistance to counties not utilizing an asthma education program in the district. Doing so will build capacity and infrastructure in other districts throughout the state.
- Cross-reference interventions stated in the CDC grant application with those being implemented in the school districts, then conduct a follow-up survey via Survey Monkey or telephone to inquire if the asthma education program is available at all schools. If not, the asthma program could collaborate with the school health coordinator to provide the program at additional schools, assisting the program in reaching program objectives.



# Recommendations (cont.)

- Develop a standard training module for school staff to ensure everyone is receiving the same information.
- Conduct an additional round of surveys to elicit responses from school health coordinators not included in these results. Analysis will provide a clear picture of asthma management and control practices in Florida schools.
- Responses to question four indicate the need for a standard form to collect necessary information on students with asthma.
- Utilize qualitative responses to question twelve in conjunction with surveillance data to identify activities for the statewide coalition and state asthma program.

# Questions

