

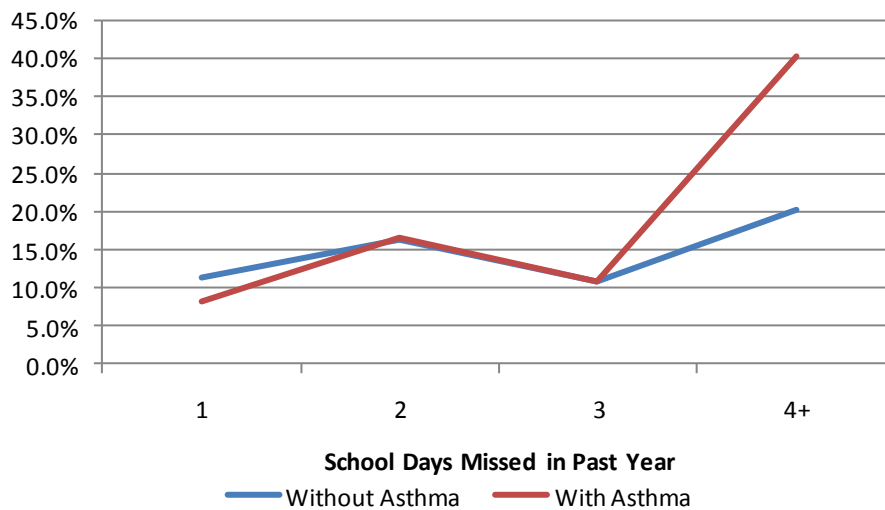
How many school days are missed due to asthma?

Denton, Hood, Johnson, Parker, Tarrant and Wise Counties, Texas

Number: 12

November 2009

CCHAPS asked parents, "Approximately how many days of school did this child miss last year due to health problems?" Overall, parents report that 38% of school-aged children had perfect attendance; but comparing absences between those with and without asthma shows:



CONCLUSIONS:

While children with asthma have about the same number of one, two and three day absences, they are two times more likely to miss four or more days of school.

Long absences affect:

- The child's ability to learn
- Parent's avoiding missed workdays to care for the child at home
- The school's ability to receive full funding of the part based on attendance

Improving the school attendance of children with asthma would have positive results for the child, the parent and the community.

Source: CCHAPS 2008 at www.cchaps.org accessed October 2009.

CCHAPS is a random household survey reporting responses from 7,439 families with a child aged 0 – 14