

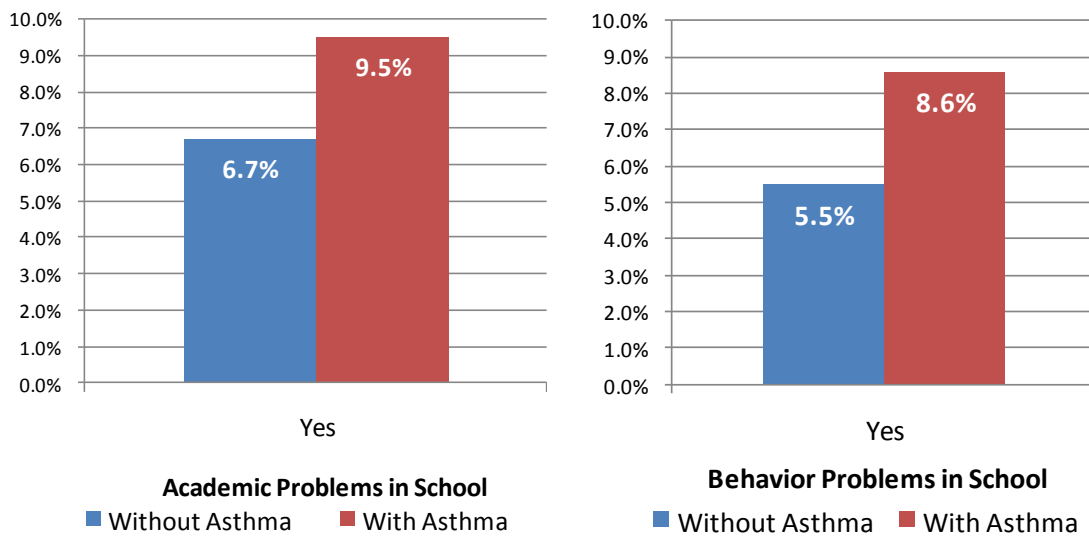
### Does having asthma affect performance in school?

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

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CCHAPS asked parents, "Has your child had academic problems at school?" And, "Has your child had behavioral problems in school?" Overall, parents report that 7.2% of school-aged children had academic problems and 6.1% had behavior problems; but comparing these problems between those with and without asthma shows:



#### CONCLUSIONS:

Children with asthma are one and one-half times more likely to have academic problems in school and one and a half times more likely to show behavior problems in school.

This suggests that if asthma were better controlled, children's academic performance and school behavior might improve.

These results show that we need a better understanding of the relationship between asthma and academic or behavior problems in school.

Source: CCHAPS 2008 at [www.cchaps.org](http://www.cchaps.org) accessed October 2009.  
 CCHAPS is a random household survey reporting responses from 7,439 families with a child aged 0 – 14