Montana DPHHS suggested Section 504 Language
for students with chronic health conditions

Montana DPHHS recognizes that all children ages 0-17 are more sensitive to air pollution, as their lungs are still developing, and they may have an unknown underlying health condition. However, students with confirmed respiratory and heart conditions may be more affected by the smoke. Please consider the following accommodations when developing a 504 plan:

Section 504 Plan for Students with Chronic Conditions During Wildfire Smoke Events

Accommodations and Modifications:

1. **Indoor Air Quality Monitoring:**
    - Portable air cleaners with HEPA filters will be used in classrooms and common areas.
2. **Health and Safety Plan:**
    - The school nurse will have an updated health plan for the student, including medication administration and emergency contact information.
    - Staff will be trained on recognizing symptoms of smoke exposure and how to respond.
    - Staff will remind student to keep rescue medication in close proximity and will know where that medication is located.
3. **Access to Clean Air Spaces:**
    - The student will have access to designated clean air spaces, such as the library or a specific classroom with good air filtration, during wildfire smoke events.
4. **Educational Adjustments:**
    - The student may be excused from outdoor activities and physical education during wildfire smoke events.
    - Flexible deadlines and additional breaks may be provided to accommodate the student's health needs