

NYSASN

New York State Association of School Nurses

Our Mission *To advance the practice of school nursing and enhance the educational success of students by promoting quality health services.*

“Caring for New York’s Future”

It takes many committed individuals to run an effective, well run organization. Since 1986, NYSASN’s Board of Directors has tirelessly worked to provide exceptional education programs and support to school nurses who have varying degrees of experience and knowledge.

In a windowless basement room, NYSASN collaborated with NYSNA and the State Education Department to develop the School Nurse Orientation Program and welcomed 60 attendees in the summer of ’87.

Ann Reddington—1st President—1986

“Judy Harrigan and I decided that NYS should have an organization for school nurses...the rest is history. When I was elected first president with Judy as my successor, we charted unseen water, believe me. We persevered and now look at you.”

The History of School Nursing

“School nursing began by utilizing the public health, population-based approach and effectively resolved rampant communicable disease and chronic absenteeism.”

(Bergren, 2017)

- In 1897, 150 physicians were hired by the New York City Board of Health.
- School Health began as a physician driven model that involved the doctor inspecting and excluding 10 to 20 % of the students from school for communicable diseases without providing any treatment. (Struthers, 1917)
- In 1902, Lillian Wald, RN assigned Lina Rogers, RN, a Henry Street Settlement nurse, to 4 NYC schools serving 10,000 children.
- Along with a physician, students were screened and sent back to class or sent home. Nurse Rogers made follow-up home visits. Her focus was on hygiene and preventive health measures.

One Month Later....

- A successful experiment demonstrated that student absenteeism was reduced by 50%. The NYC Board of Health hired Nurse Rogers to work in the city schools. By the end of the 1902 school year, 27 school nurses were hired and served 10,000 students in 4 to 5 schools.



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Member Benefits

Annual School Nurse Orientation Program

Held in Skaneateles NY in collaboration with the NYS Education Department (since 1989)

Annual Conference

An educational opportunity which awards CEs for courses and offers networking opportunities for school nurses

“Excellence in School Nursing” Award

Annually recognizes and honors outstanding school nurses throughout NYS

Monitors and Responds to Legislation

For those bills that have a direct impact on school nurses and the health concerns of students

Offers scholarships to Members

For those who are continuing their education at the undergraduate and graduate/post-graduate levels

New York State School Nurses

Provide leadership, coordination of care and community health for our students, all day, every day.

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Stronger Together!

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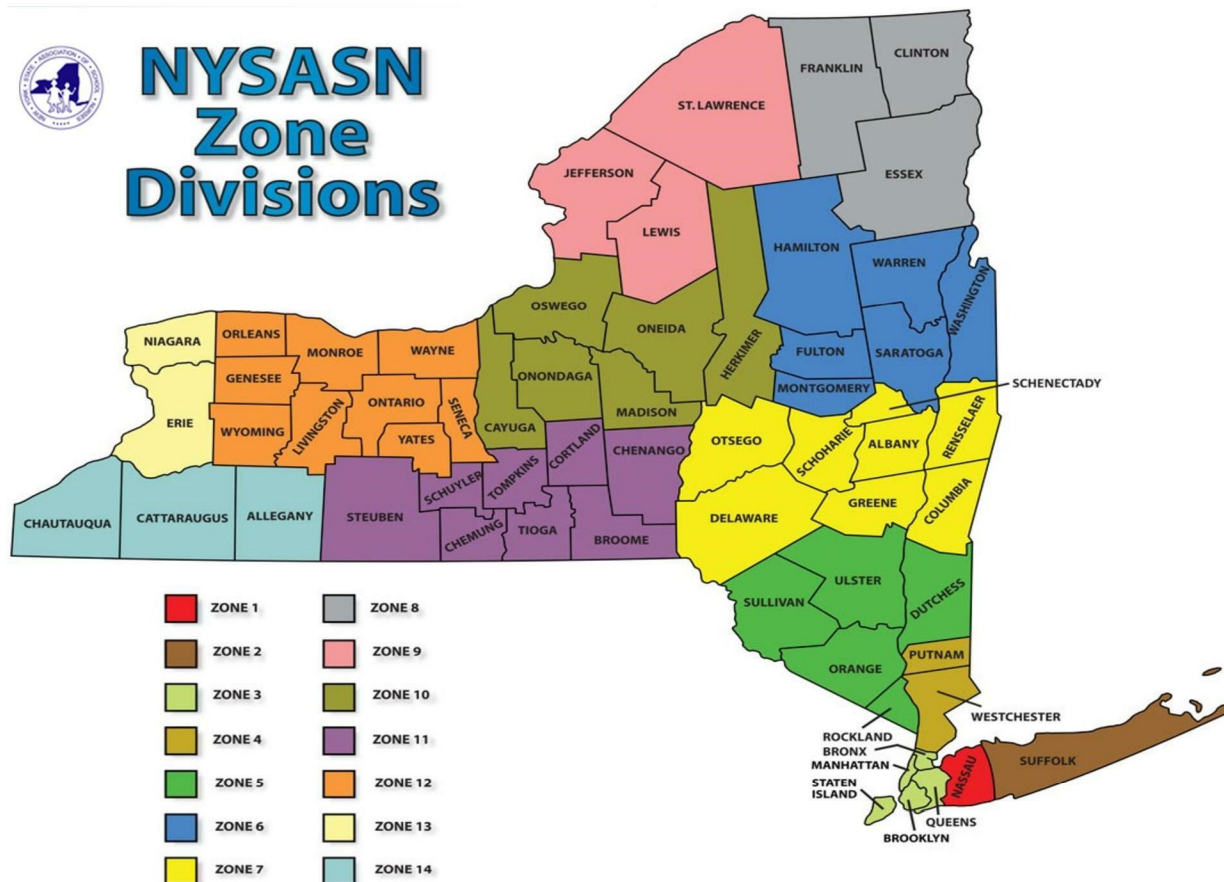
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