The National School Health Data Set: Every Student Counts!

Goals of NASN’s Data Initiative

- Develop a robust national school health data set that will influence local, state, and national student health policy, as well as identify best practices in school health.
- Support data driven policies to advocate for the needs of students, increase evidence-based school nursing practice, and improve youth health outcomes.

The National Association of School Nurses (NASN) envisions a data initiative that uses existing technology and data systems to capture current information on the health status of school age children.

Data Initiative Has A Three Pronged Approach:

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<td>NASN will develop education webinars, toolkits, templates, podcasts, conference breakouts, articles, and other resources for affiliate and local areas so that each SN will be able to:</td>
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<td>• Collect, analyze, and report on their own students.</td>
<td>• Develop standardized data points, definitions, and reporting structures for all SNs to use.</td>
<td>• Work with key partner organizations and researchers to develop an infrastructure to gather, store, and analyze data. (ALL data will be kept confidential.)</td>
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<td>• Utilize the data to guide their practice.</td>
<td>• Identify a minimum nursing data set based on school nursing activities and include key metrics that advance policy, describe national outcome measures, and promote predictive analytics to inform best practice.</td>
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<td>• Present data to communicate the health needs of their students to a variety of stakeholders.</td>
<td>• Create a suggested timeline for when additional data points will be rolled out.</td>
<td>• Work with vendors to support data collection and interoperability of student health data.</td>
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<td>• Advocate for electronic health records.</td>
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For more information on this project go to: Nasn.org/nasn/research/everystudentcounts
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Tiered approach to data collection: Start where you are at

Tier I
• School nurses (SN) already collecting data, will accept the challenge to be data literate and identify data education resources.
• SNs will collect Every Student Counts! data for building/district use and share internally.
  • The SN will start with workforce data points, add chronic conditions and, then health office disposition when ready.
• SNs will use data to advocate for local student health needs.
• SNs learn who is their district’s data privacy officer.
• Affiliate identifies state policies regarding data sharing (from district to state agency and/or affiliate).
• Affiliate promotes Every Student Counts! to their members at conference.

Tier II
• SN uses data to advocate for electronic health record.
• Affiliates will develop an infrastructure to identify public SNs in each state, pushes information and, educational opportunities out to them.
• At least 25% of SNs in state submit uniform Every Student Counts! data.
• Affiliates include a conference keynote or breakout specific to data collection and use.
  • Affiliates promote data collection in at least 1 way not connected to conference.
• Affiliates identify infrastructure of data collection from districts to state.
• Affiliates strengthen state office of education and/or office of health relationships by working with state SN consultants, state epidemiologists, etc.
• Affiliates identify partners to facilitate data collection and future combining of data such as Voices for [state] Children, university/researcher, etc.
• Uniform data from Every Student Counts! that is used to influence state student health policies.

Tier III
• Affiliates develop an infrastructure to identify private SNs in each state, push information and, educational opportunities out to them.
• Coordinator at least 50% of school nurses in your state to collect and submit Every Student Counts! uniform data points.
• Use Every Student Counts! uniform data to influence state and national student health policies.

Data increases knowledge and changes attitude.
“Reform can be accomplished only when attitudes are changed.”

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