# 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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| 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:  
- Collect, analyze, and report on their own students.  
- Utilize the data to guide their practice.  
- Present data to communicate the health needs of their students to a variety of stakeholders.  
- Advocate for electronic health records. | NASN along with other school health stakeholders will:  
- Develop standardized data points, definitions, and reporting structures for all SNs to use.  
- 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.  
- Create a suggested timeline for when additional data points will be rolled out. | NASN will:  
- Work with key partner organizations and researchers to develop an infrastructure to gather, store, and analyze data. (ALL data will be kept confidential.)  
- Promote the integration of school health data with already existing data sources.  
- Work with vendors to support data collection and interoperability of student health data. |

For more information on this project go to: [nasn.org/everystudentcounts](http://nasn.org/everystudentcounts)