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NASN Strategic Plan 2026-2028

The NASN Vision: All students are healthy, safe, and ready to learn.

The NASN Mission: NASN equips school nurses with evidence-based resources and support to be leaders in school health. We empower school nurses to promote student health, safety, and academic achievement through advocacy, education, research and community connections.



CORE VALUES

Health & Wellbeing
Empowered Leadership

Equity & Belonging
Professional Integrity

Forward Thinking
Evidence-Based Practice

Pillar 1

Workforce Development & Support

Goals

- Define and advance the professional identity and distinct expertise of school nurses.
- Strengthen workforce development pathways to ensure a qualified, diverse, and sustainable school nursing workforce.
- Promote the professional well-being and resilience of school nurses.
- Equip school nurses to address the full spectrum of student health needs and lead in evolving school health environments.
- Advance health equity by prioritizing workforce development, resources, and advocacy for schools and communities with the greatest need.

Pillar 2

Sustainable Investment in School Health

Goals

- Advocate for federal, state, and local policies that ensure sustainable, equitable funding for school nursing services.
- Expand and diversify funding streams for school nursing through strategic partnerships and innovative models.
- Define and promote standards for school health investment that ensure adequate staffing, infrastructure, and resources to meet student health needs.

Pillar 3

Research & Evidence

Goals

- Generate and synthesize compelling evidence demonstrating the impact of school nursing on student health, safety, equity, and academic success.
- Translate and communicate research insights to influence policy, practice, and public perception.
- Build the capacity of school nurses to collect, utilize, and leverage data in their practice and advocacy.
- Position the National School Health Data Set: Every Student Counts! as the authoritative national data platform for school health, driving evidence-based policy, practice, and investment.

Foundation

Organizational Excellence

Goals

- Strengthen NASN's governance, operations, and infrastructure to effectively serve members and advance the mission.
- Deepen engagement with and support for affiliates and members to build a connected, empowered community.
- Ensure organizational sustainability through responsible stewardship of financial, human, and technological resources.
- Position NASN as a trusted, nonpartisan voice that advances evidence-based policies and practices grounded in the organization's values.