

## 2026 NASN Legislative Priorities

### Support the Nurses for Under-Resourced Schools Everywhere (NURSE) Act

NASN urges Congress to pass the bipartisan **Nurses for Under-Resourced Schools Everywhere (NURSE) Act** (H.R. 3262), introduced by Representative Dina Titus (D-NV) and Representative Jen Kiggans (R-VA), which would recognize the critical role of school nurses in providing students access to quality health care so that they are healthy, safe, and ready to learn.

### Protect the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

NASN urges Congress to protect the **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)** by preserving its home and administration within the U.S. Department of Education. Congress enacted IDEA 50 years ago and it was a pivotal moment for people with disabilities, who had long been denied access to public education. Moving IDEA away from the Department of Education would weaken oversight and disrupt school-based implementation.

### Reauthorize Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development Programs

NASN urges Congress to pass the bipartisan, bicameral **Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act** of 2025 (S 1874/HR 3593). The programs bolster nursing education at all levels, from entry-level preparation through graduate study, and support academic institutions and the nurse faculty who prepare today's nursing students to be tomorrow's expert clinicians.