



Student Health Advocacy Coalition

Mission: A coalition of national organizations dedicated to improving the health and well-being of all preK-12 children and youth through collective advocacy and policy change at the federal level.

Goals:

1. To promote the health, well-being, and academic success of preK-12 children and youth with a focus on the connections between health and learning.
2. To develop and sustain a network of organizations that supports the health, well-being, and academic success of preK-12 children and youth.
3. To engage national leaders to support policies that promote school-based health and wellness programs and initiatives that contribute to academic success.

Guiding Principles:

1. Evidence supports a direct correlation between health and learning that is essential to academic success, school completion, and the development of healthy, resilient, and productive citizens.
2. Schools are uniquely positioned to help children and youth acquire life-long, health-promoting knowledge, skills, attitudes, and behaviors.
3. An effective and efficient means of promoting future healthy citizens is through a coordinated school health approach.
4. Those working in school settings that address health should be highly effective and apply evidence-based health and education strategies.
5. Schools should be safe, nurturing environments that facilitate learning for students and staff.
6. Schools must collaborate with the local community and engage parents and/or guardians to promote the health and well-being of each student.
7. Healthy students have their physical, emotional, social, intellectual, nutritional, and safety needs met.
8. Advocacy efforts can best be accomplished by fostering partnerships between education, health-related, and other organizations.



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Representing 38 national organizations committed to improving the health and academic success of children and youth.

Member Organizations

Advocates for Youth	National Association of Chronic Disease Directors
American Academy of Pediatrics	National Association of County and City Health Officials
American Association of School Administrators	National Association of School Nurses
American Cancer Society	National Association of School Psychologists
American College of Sports Medicine	National Association of State Boards of Education
American Counseling Association	National Coalition of STD Directors
American Heart Association	National School Boards Association
American Public Health Association	RMC Health
American School Counselor Association	Safe Routes to School National Partnership
American School Health Association	School-Based Health Alliance
ASCD	School Social Work Association of America
Association of State & Territorial Health Officials	Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S.
Childhood and Family Learning Foundation	Share our Strength
Directors of Health Promotion and Education	Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) America
Economic Policy Institute	Society for Public Health Education
Education Development Center	The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy
Futures Without Violence	Trust for America's Health
Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network	YMCA
Healthy Schools Network	
Healthy Teen Network	