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

Member Organizations

Advocates for Youth
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association of School Administrators
American Cancer Society
American College of Sports Medicine
American Counseling Association
American Heart Association
American Public Health Association
American School Counselor Association
American School Health Association
ASCD
Association of State & Territorial Health Officials
Childhood and Family Learning Foundation
Directors of Health Promotion and Education
Economic Policy Institute
Education Development Center
Futures Without Violence
Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network
Healthy Schools Network
Healthy Teen Network

National Association of Chronic Disease Directors
National Association of County and City Health Officials
National Association of School Nurses
National Association of School Psychologists
National Association of State Boards of Education
National Coalition of STD Directors
National School Boards Association
RMC Health
Safe Routes to School National Partnership
School-Based Health Alliance
School Social Work Association of America
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S.
Share our Strength
Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) America
Society for Public Health Education
The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy
Trust for America’s Health
YMCA