



# 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 who support 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 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 and health-related organizations.

## **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  
Directors of Health Promotion and Education  
Economic Policy Institute  
Education Development Center  
Futures Without Violence  
Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network  
Healthy Schools Network  
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors  
National Association of City and County 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  
Share our Strength  
Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) America  
Society for Public Health Education  
Society of State Leaders of Health and Physical Education  
The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy  
Trust for America's Health  
YMCA