



**VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL NURSES, INC.**  
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## **VASN Public Policy Agenda**

The Virginia Association of School Nurses (VASN, Inc.) is dedicated to improving the health and educational success of children and youth in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Association focuses on advancing quality school health services and health education; promoting the professional interests and rights of VASN members; and operating as an educational organization for our members.

*Vision:* VASN is the voice for school nurses in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

*Mission:* VASN develops and provides leadership and education to advance the practice of school nursing and supports the health and academic success of children and youth.

### ***Quality school health services and health education***

**Support legislation, regulations, and policy guidelines that:**

1. Ensure a safe and healthy school environment.
2. Promote student access to and attendance in school.
3. Promote student wellness, disease prevention, and management of chronic conditions in schools.
4. Advance student health education and academic success.
5. Support the statewide collection and sharing of outcome data on the delivery of school health services to inform policy makers and improve service delivery.

### ***Promotion of the profession and rights of school nurses***

**Support legislation, regulations, and policy guidelines that:**

1. Promote student access to a registered nurse in every school.
2. Provide for the accurate identification of the registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, and health aide in schools.
3. Ensure the safe supervision, development, and support of licensed practical nurses, unlicensed health assistants, and others in the delivery of quality school health services.
4. Encourage and facilitate lifelong learning and certification of school nurses.
5. Promote parity for professional school nurses with their peers in education.

***Participation of VASN members in policy-making decisions and positions***

1. Increase VASN membership and participation in coalitions whose goals are consistent with VASN mission, vision, strategic plan, and goals.
2. Empower VASN members with skills in grassroots advocacy to promote the benefits of professional school nursing and school health services.
3. Increase the numbers of legislators, other policymakers, and stakeholders who have VASN members as key contacts.

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