

Actively Promoting

In 2016, NCSA launched the **Ambassador Program**, an innovative advocacy initiative with a mission of promoting public school success statewide. These retired administrators have spanned the state speaking at hundreds of school events and civic meetings. The NCSA ambassadors are at the forefront of public school advocacy efforts, and are available to share their message year-round.

At the same time, NCSA established the **Nebraska Public School Advantage (NPSA)**, an online magazine devoted to sharing stories that reflect the transformational power of public education in Nebraska. NPSA has released more than 300 feature stories, shining a light on the extraordinary students, educators and programs that make Nebraska's schools some of the best in the nation. With so many great things going on in school districts across the state the storyboard fills up fast, so reach out to news@ncsa.org with your story lead today!

Umbrella Organization

NCSA is proud of its diversity under an umbrella structure, which features six separate affiliate associations. Each affiliate association elects its own officers to affiliate governing bodies, conducts an annual state conference, and sets objectives for its affiliate membership.

Under the umbrella structure, members can enjoy the many benefits and services offered by NCSA and also take advantage of the position-specific opportunities afforded by their affiliate association.

Affiliate Associations

NASA: Nebraska Association of School Administrators

NAESP: Nebraska Association of Elementary School Principals

NSASSP: Nebraska State Association of Secondary School Principals

NASBO: Nebraska Association of School Business Officials

NASES: Nebraska Association of Special Education Supervisors

NARSA: Nebraska Association of Retired School Administrators

Our Mission

Nebraska Council of School Administrators is to be an effective leader for quality education and to enhance the professionalism of its members.

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Nebraska Council
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Your Professional Association Needs You

Nebraska school administrators are uniquely qualified to know the problems facing public schools. However, even though administrators have the expertise and knowledge, their individual voices may at times go unheard at the state and national levels. NCSA provides the voice through the collective wisdom and leadership of Nebraska's school administrators.

There is strength in numbers and NCSA needs your membership and participation to enhance the organization's ability to impact the education-related issues of the day.

We Believe...

- Education is key to developing and maintaining a quality life for all Nebraskans.
- An enduring partnership between community, business, government, and education entities is essential for maintaining a quality public education system.
- Public support for quality education is best gained through quality performance.
- School administrators are leaders committed to improving education in Nebraska.
- The strength of NCSA, as a professional organization, is the ability to represent the diverse interests of its membership.
- The development and enhancement of administrative skills is essential.
- Professional leadership is essential to quality education for all children.

History of NCSA

NCSA's membership is comprised of over 2,600 school administrators who serve Nebraska's schools. Formed in 1970 by leaders of the affiliate associations, NCSA has grown in size and stature over the past four decades. The objectives of the organization have also expanded over the years, including a thorough range of legislative services, involvement in the state's largest school employee health insurance plan, and a comprehensive year-round professional development program.

NCSA's Governing Structure

Each affiliate association president, president-elect, and past president serves as a member of the NCSA Executive Board, which governs the umbrella organization. In the case of NCSA's retired administrator affiliate, NARSA, the president serves as a voting member of the board. Also, the immediate past chairperson serves as an ex-officio non-voting member of the board.

The seventeen-member board governs the affairs of the corporation, adopts and maintains bylaws, creates and maintains standing committees, and generally oversees the operation of the umbrella organization. Elected board members serve a three-year term of office.

The board annually elects a chair and vice-chair, who each serve one-year terms of office, to lead the governing body and to serve as the umbrella organization's main spokespersons.

NCSA's Professional Development Program

NCSA offers a full range of professional development activities and events on a year-round basis. In addition to a series of annual state conferences, NCSA offers seminars and webinars on specific issues facing public education, such as school safety, student discipline, school law updates, and new administrator programs. NCSA also offers workshops on a more personal level to enhance a member's leadership and administrative skills. To view a list of NCSA professional development programs, go to ncsa.org.

NCSA's Legal Support Program

The NCSA Legal Support Program provides funds for legal assistance to active members on matters relating to their employment contracts. Any active member, who has been notified that his /her contract will be terminated, substantially altered, or that there is substantial evidence which suggests a change in status, may access the benefits of this program.

Members are eligible for up to \$1,500 in financial assistance for issues related to their employment contracts.

Together we make a *difference.*

Join NCSA! Your partner in developing excellence in educational leadership.

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NCSA's Legislative Program

In an age when educators must take an active role in legislative affairs to protect the quality of education, NCSA assists by providing a unique and aggressive legislative program for its members. Through member involvement and participation in the legislative process, NCSA has provided a consistent level of successful advocacy for public education and school administration in Nebraska.

The legislative program is spear-headed by the NCSA Legislative Committee, one of several standing committees created by the NCSA Executive Board. Like all NCSA standing committees, the Legislative Committee is comprised of appointed representatives from each affiliate association. The NCSA staff works alongside the committee to help direct the organization's legislative agenda.

The only education organization in Nebraska to provide the following legislative-related services:

- Two annual legislative state conferences (before and during) each legislative session: the Legislative Preview Conference and the Government Relations Information Teams (GRIT) Conference.
- Thorough bill summaries of every legislative measure related to education each year (online internet service).
- A comprehensive final legislative report at the conclusion of each legislative session.
- A steady stream of electronic mail throughout the year on legislative activities, including timely prompts to contact elected state representatives on important issues.
- A separate website dedicated to legislation affecting K-12 education (legislative.ncsa.org).

NCSA monitors the activities of the Nebraska Legislature, Congress, Department of Education, the State Board of Education, and various state agencies year-round to better serve the interests of school administrators.

Reasons to Join and Maintain Membership with NCSA

Strength in Numbers – As an umbrella organization, NCSA can collectively influence legislation and the decision-making processes on the local, regional, state and national levels.

Legislation – NCSA is an active participant in the state's legislative and policy development process. NCSA provides a steady stream of legislative information to members both during and in between legislative sessions.

Professional Development – NCSA provides opportunities to improve personal and professional skills through conferences, seminars, webinars, and workshops.

Publications – NCSA members stay on the cutting edge concerning issues of special interest through NCSA publications, including the NCSA Today, the NCSA Legislative Summary newsletter, and other special publications on various issues facing public education.

Legal Assistance – NCSA stands ready to assist its active members with up to \$1,500 per member in legal assistance funds on issues relating to their employment contracts.

Health Insurance – NCSA is a partner in the Educators' Health Alliance (EHA), which protects the interests of school employees in the important area of health insurance.

Coalitions for Education – NCSA is active in promoting positive relationships between and among other educational organizations.

Online Services – NCSA members can take advantage of the many services provided through the NCSA website, including professional development information, complete affiliate information, and downloadable publications.

Professional Networking – NCSA provides numerous opportunities to expand members' state and national networking with fellow professionals.

Consultant Services – When answers to questions are not readily available, NCSA will research the issue and seek sources for information and solutions.

Membership

Active Membership:

Those eligible for active membership are practicing public and private school administrators.

Associate Membership:

Those eligible for associate membership are faculty members in post-secondary institutions, employees in education-related agencies, district professional staff, and those who have administrative certificates but may not yet be practicing administrators. Associate members do not have voting privileges, but receive all publications and are eligible to attend all NCSA sponsored events.

Student Membership:

Student membership is available to any individual enrolled in an Educational Administration graduate level program. Student members do not have voting privileges, but receive all publications and are eligible to attend all NCSA sponsored events.

NARSA Membership:

Membership in the Nebraska Association of Retired School Administrators (NARSA) is available to retired administrators. NARSA members receive all publications and registration information, are encouraged to participate in committees and task forces, and are admitted to NCSA sponsored activities for the cost of the meals only. Most conference registration fees are waived. For conferences co-sponsored with the Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB), there will be a small registration fee (plus cost of meals). If a NARSA member is also an ESU board or school board member, the full conference registration fee will be charged.

NCSA Online

NCSA features two full service websites (ncsa.org and legislative.ncsa.org). A complete menu of legislative information, calendar of upcoming events, employment opportunities, webinars, downloadable publications and documents, and membership information are just a few of the online services available to members. In addition, each affiliate association website can be accessed through the "Affiliates" section of the NCSA website.