



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: Who can join NSBA's Federal Policy Coordinators (FPC) Network?**

Anyone who is involved in coordinating or implementing federal programs or policies in local public school districts:

- Superintendents
- Title I Coordinators
- NCLB Administrators
- Government Relations Directors
- Legal Counsel
- Grant Writers
- Business Managers

### **Q: What are some of the education issues covered through the FPC network?**

NSBA advocates positions in Congress and federal agencies as determined by the NSBA delegate assembly. NSBA lobbies on behalf of school districts on a wide range of issues including:

- Funding for Federal Programs (e.g., Title I, IDEA, Education Technology)
- Business Operations/Labor
- Charter Schools
- Construction/Facilities/Bonds
- Energy/Environment/Transportation/Insurance/Other Operational Issues
- ESEA Reauthorization
  - Standards/Assessments/Accountability
  - Teacher Quality (Equity & Distribution)/Compensation/Recruitment/Assignment
  - Title I
- Health, Nutrition, and Safety
- IDEA/Special Education
- STEM Issues/21st Century Skills
- Technology/E-rate
- Voluntary Preschool/Head Start
- Vouchers

### **Q: What benefits do FPC participants receive?**

Participants benefit from a number of resources tailored to provide timely, direct access to comprehensive federal legislative developments, regulations, and funding opportunities. Get the information you need so that you can work effectively with your superintendent and school board team to send a stronger advocacy message to Congress.

### **Communications from NSBA**

- **Weekly Highlights:** Every week that Congress is in session, NSBA emails updates on federal legislation and regulations to keep you apprised of legislative activity and emerging issues that could affect your school district.
- **Legislative Updates:** NSBA emails timely legislative updates and issue information.
- **Quick Analyses:** Get brief but thorough analyses of regulations and implementation strategies that affect school districts.
- **Web Site:** NSBA's Office of Federal Advocacy & Public Policy has a wide range of tools available including, NSBA Issue Briefs, letters to Congress, talking points on issues, and more.
- **Grant Watch Report:** A comprehensive guide to the latest federal grant opportunities designed specifically for FPC participants.
- **Monthly Federal Regulations Newsletter:** Federal agency guidance for public schools.
- **Legal Clips:** Weekly updates on important and interesting school law issues, and helpful resources.

### **Advocacy Opportunities**

- **Calls to Action:** NSBA emails calls to action that provide background information and alert the network to contact members of Congress on impending legislative decisions that impact school boards.
- **Legislative Action Center:** NSBA's online Legislative Action Center makes it simple to send a personalized message directly to members of Congress by providing message points, sample letters and background information on issues. The Legislative Action Center also includes access voting records and background information about members of Congress.
- **Surveys:** Provide NSBA with your school district information and have an impact on key legislation and regulations.

### **Direct Access to NSBA Staff**

- **Webinars and Conference Calls:** NSBA provides exclusive updates on pertinent legislation and impending regulations. Interact with NSBA staff and other federal policy coordinators as they share how the policies impact their school district.

- Toll-Free Hotline: All of NSBA’s advocacy staff is available to answer your questions about federal legislation, working with the Department of Education, Congress, and the White House.

**Q: Who is NSBA?**

The National School Boards Association is a non-profit organization of state school boards associations representing more than 90,000 local school board members throughout the United States. Founded in 1940, NSBA’s mission is, “Working with and through our state associations NSBA advocates for equity and excellence in public education through school board leadership.” NSBA’s Federal Advocacy & Public Policy office includes 12 full-time lobbyists, analysts, and grassroots specialists in Alexandria, VA.

**Q: Where can I get more information?**

Visit our web site at [www.nsba.org/fpc](http://www.nsba.org/fpc) or contact Kathleen Branch, Director National Advocacy Services, at 800-609-NSBA, 703-838-6735, or [kbranch@nsba.org](mailto:kbranch@nsba.org)

**Q: How can I join?**

Enroll online at [www.nsba.org/fpc](http://www.nsba.org/fpc). Annual fees are \$295 (\$235 for NSBA National Affiliate districts).



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