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# NAKS

The National Association for Korean Schools

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## Since its founding 35 years ago, the National Association for Korean Schools(NAKS) has been dedicated to educating and fostering the next generation of Korean Americans.

My name is Miyoung Choi and I am the 17<sup>th</sup> President of the National Association for Korean Schools. NAKS has functioned over the past 35 years through the passionate dedication of our volunteer teachers to promote identity and to provide holistic Korean language, culture, and history education for Korean American students.

NAKS was able to achieve great progress because of the Korean school teachers' commitment to self-improvement as they shared their innovative ideas and successes with one another. NAKS is made up of 14 regional chapters, the first of which started in an area including Washington DC, Chicago, and New York. It is registered as a non-profit (EIN 52-1596204) and currently consists of over 1,000 member schools, 9,000 teachers, and 50,000 students.

Apart from teaching the Korean language and culture in weekend schools, NAKS works hard through other avenues to cultivate knowledge and awareness of Korean language, culture, and history. Some of these include the publishing and distribution of Korean textbooks and materials, the administration of the SAT Korean pilot test and development of the SAT Korean prep book, and professional development of Korean school teachers at annual conferences and workshops. In recognition of its efforts in promoting Korean language and culture, the government of the Republic of Korea selected NAKS as the recipient for the 28<sup>th</sup> Sejong Heritage Award.

We will continue to pursue progress and innovation to provide a holistic Korean education and to nurture Korean American students as they become the leaders of the next generation. Thank you very much,

NAKS President,  
Miyoung Choi

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# Vision & Mission

**The National Association for Korean Schools (NAKS) is an organization of weekend Korean schools where Korean-American children learn of their Korean heritage and language, history, and culture.**

It is an organization operating with the goal of nurturing and educating Korean-Americans in the U.S. Its primary objective is to instill pride as a Korean-American through a proper knowledge and understanding of Korea and of its culture, history, and language. Its secondary objective is to examine and influence the educational policies and practices of the Ministry of Education in Korea and the Department of Education in the U.S. to benefit Korean-Americans.

## Structure and Operation

NAKS was established in 1981 in Washington, D.C. and is currently spread across the 50 states of the U.S. NAKS unites over 1,000 Korean schools with 14 regional chapters and is recognized by the Federal Government as a non-profit educational organization (501C-3). The association is composed of a general assembly, a meeting of officers, a board of directors, and a council of presidents representing the 14 regional chapters that collaborate to achieve its stated objectives. While maintaining a close relationship with the national body, each region implements activities to continually improve and aim for excellence in the education its local Korean schools provide.

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# Objectives & Main Activities

## Three Major Goals

1 Young Korean-American Education

2 Nurturing & Training for Teachers

3 Systematic Educational Administration and Standardized Assessment

## Main Activities

- Annual conference and General Assembly
  - Intensive teacher training
- Support regional chapter teacher trainings
  - Younger generation teacher workshop
- Publish a Journal of Research in Korean education for teachers
- Develop and administer SAT Korean Pilot Test
- Develop and publish Korean textbooks and SAT Korean prep book
  - Develop and publish standardized assessment book
  - Develop and publish whitepaper and newsletter
- Speech and writing contest for Korean school students
  - Annual regional chapter presidents' meeting
- Recognition of long term service and excellence for teachers
  - Support NAKS member schools
  - Develop and maintain NAKS website

## Statistics of NAKS

1 1981: Established in Washington DC as a non-profit educational organization (501C-3) (EIN 52-1596204)

2 1000: Number of member schools, 14 Regional Chapters

3 9,058: Number of teachers, 50,587: Number of students

4 34<sup>th</sup> Conference in Denver Colorado, July 14-16, 2016

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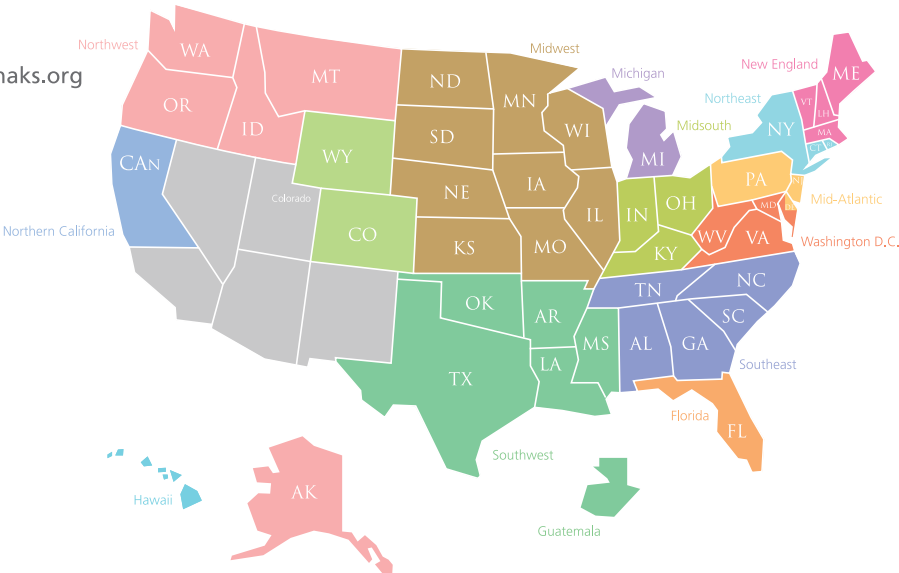
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