



Agawam High School honored by the American School Counselor Association

ALEXANDRIA, VA. (December 14, 2009) – Agawam High School has received the Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) designation. Agawam High School, as well as 35 other schools from 16 states that reach across the K-12 spectrum, have been recognized for making an exemplary commitment to comprehensive school counseling programs, ASCA officials announced today. Agawam High School’s counseling program is the first in the State of Massachusetts to receive the RAMP award.

The RAMP designation, awarded to schools that align with the criteria set in the *ASCA National Model*, recognizes schools that are committed to delivering a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program and an exemplary educational environment. More than 250 schools have received the RAMP designation since the program’s inception.

Pat Nailor, ASCA’s 2009-10 president, said this fall’s recipients are to be commended for their dedication to serving all students and demonstrating how effective school counseling programs can make a difference in students’ lives. “This fall’s RAMP honorees have shown their commitment to students and the school counseling profession,” said Nailor. “This designation distinguishes these schools and encourages school counselors nationwide to continue to strive for success.”

RAMP applications are reviewed by a panel of school counseling professionals. The next submission deadline is Feb. 1, 2010. For more information on the program, visit www.ascanationalmodel.org/RAMP.

The American School Counselor Association (www.schoolcounselor.org) is a worldwide nonprofit organization based in Alexandria, Va. Founded in 1952, ASCA supports school counselors’ efforts to help students focus on academic, personal/social and career development so they not only achieve success in school but are prepared to lead fulfilling lives as responsible members of society. The association provides professional development, publications and other resources, research and advocacy to 26,000 professional school counselors around the globe.

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