



Nationally Recognized School Counseling Program

John F. Kennedy High School is a Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) school. The RAMP designation, awarded for aligning with the criteria in the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) National Model, recognizes schools that are committed to delivering a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program and an exemplary educational environment.



JFK was the **first school in DPS** and **second school in Colorado** to earn this designation and has maintained it for 11 years by submitting extensive "Re-RAMP" applications every 3-5 years (2009, 2012, 2015, 2020). JFK is also one of only two schools in Colorado that are **4-time RAMP champs!**



The main focus of the JFK High School counseling department is to prepare students for a fulfilling life after high school. This focus shows up prominently in the vision and mission statements of the department:

VISION:

All students at John F. Kennedy High School will graduate college and career ready, having achieved personal and academic excellence. Our students will be equipped to navigate the 21st century with the necessary skills to engage in lifelong learning, and they will all become successful adults who positively contribute to our global community.

MISSION:

The mission of the John F. Kennedy High School comprehensive school counseling program is to provide a safe environment where ALL students are empowered to develop a positive character and become self-advocates, giving them the necessary skills to be independent and responsible for their academic success, college and career readiness, and social/emotional well-being. We strive for equity, access, and success for all through advocacy, leadership, and data-driven interventions. The JFK counseling department serves as a bridge for our students, transitioning them to a successful and productive postsecondary life where they achieve personal excellence. The school counseling department works in collaboration with other stakeholders, including school, family, and community to best equip all students with the knowledge and skills necessary to meet future challenges and become active, informed, and contributing adults in our diverse society.



2020 RAMP Award Press Release



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ASCA Awards RAMP Designation to John F. Kennedy High School

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ALEXANDRIA, VA. – The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) is pleased to announce John F. Kennedy High School in Denver, Colorado as a Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP).

The RAMP designation recognizes schools that are committed to delivering an exemplary school counseling program. Honorees are awarded for aligning their program with the criteria in the ASCA National Model, a framework for a data-informed school counseling program. Since the program's inception, more than 900 schools earned the RAMP designation. Research findings indicate fully implemented comprehensive school counseling programs are associated with a range of positive student educational and behavioral outcomes.

"This year's RAMP honorees have shown their commitment to students and the school counseling profession," said Jill Cook, ASCA assistant director. "These schools used data to drive their program development and implementation so all students can achieve success. The RAMP designation distinguishes these schools and encourages school counselors nationwide to strive for excellence."

John F Kennedy High School will be honored at a recognition ceremony at ASCA's annual conference in Seattle, Wash., on June 29, 2020.

RAMP applications are reviewed once a year. The next submission deadline is Oct. 15, 2020. For more information on the program, visit www.schoolcounselor.org/ramp.

About the American School Counselor Association

The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) professional organization based in Alexandria, Va. ASCA promotes student success by expanding the image and influence of school counseling through leadership, advocacy, collaboration and systemic change. ASCA helps school counselors guide their students toward academic achievement, career planning and social/emotional development to help today's students become tomorrow's productive, contributing members of society. Founded in 1952, ASCA has a network of 50 state and territory associations and a membership of approximately 36,000 school counseling professionals. For additional information on ASCA, visit www.schoolcounselor.org.