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## **Gwinnett County schools earn national recognition for their counseling programs**

The counseling programs at six Gwinnett County public schools have met the criteria to become a **Recognized ASCA Model Program** by the **American School Counselor Association**. **Duluth High School, Jones Middle School, North Gwinnett Middle School, Parkview High School, Peachtree Ridge High School, and Roberts Elementary School** are among a select group of more than 600 schools nationwide that have received this national recognition since the program's inception in 2004.

**Tinisha Parker, GCPS director of Advisement and Counseling**, says the honor is a confirmation of the hard work the schools and counselors are doing. "Receiving the RAMP award signifies that our counselors are committed to using a comprehensive program to make a difference in the lives of their students. RAMP schools are dedicated to providing quality programming that all students can benefit from, not only students who are in crisis," said Parker.

**Parkview High School** earned top honors from ASCA, receiving the title **Program of Distinction** after earning a score of 58 or higher out of a possible 60 in the judging process.

ASCA, which was founded in 1952, supports school counselors' efforts to help students focus on academic, career, and social/emotional 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 school counselors around the globe. ASCA is committed to establishing comprehensive school counseling programs that are based on the ASCA National Model.

The achievements of these Gwinnett schools were honored at the ASCA national conference last July.

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