

# PRESS FACT SHEET



## About ASCA

The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) supports school counselors' efforts to help students focus on academic, career and social/emotional development so they achieve success in school and are prepared to lead fulfilling lives as responsible members of society. ASCA provides professional development, publications and other resources, research and advocacy to professional school counselors around the globe. ASCA administers the Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP), the School Counselor of the Year Awards and publishes the ASCA National Model.

## Vision

The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) is the foundation that expands the image and influence of professional school counselors through advocacy, leadership, collaboration and systemic change. ASCA empowers professional school counselors with the knowledge, skills, linkages and resources to promote student success in the school, the home, the community and the world.

## Founding Date

1952

## Number of Members

Approximately 36,000 members, as well as 52 state and U.S. territory associations

## Student-to-School-Counselor Ratio

ASCA recommends a 250-to-1 ratio. Most states are significantly higher than this. The most recent data available from the National Center for Education Statistics is available [here](#).

## Website

[www.schoolcounselor.org](http://www.schoolcounselor.org)

## Social Media

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