

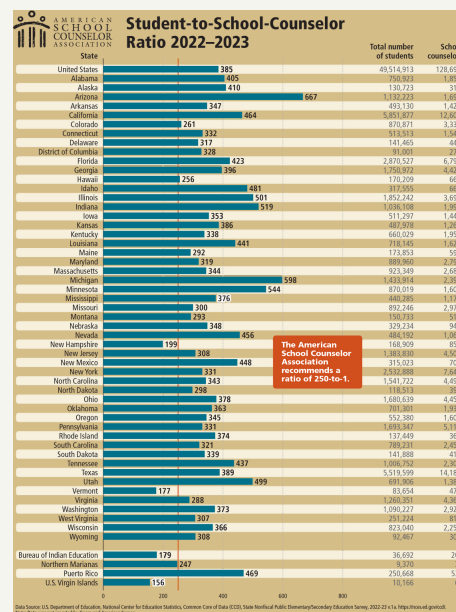


# ASCA Monthly Update

FEBRUARY 2024

## STUDENT-TO-SCHOOL-COUNSELOR RATIO

The student-to-school-counselor ratio for the 2022–2023 school has been released. The national average is 385-to-1, an improvement of 5.6% from last year's data. Find the full chart [here](#).



## Upcoming Meetings & Dates

### February

- 12 Pinnacle Award Coaching Session – What You Need to Know
- 14 Executive Directors and Association Staff Meeting
- 24 Pinnacle Award Coaching Session – What Makes a Strong Application

### March

- 1 ASCA Pinnacle Award Application opens
- 1 State/Territory Request for LDI available
- 13 SCA Share
- 20 Quarterly SCA Advocacy Meeting
- 25 ASCA Pinnacle Award Application due
- 31 Deadline to schedule a yearly check-in call with Jill Cook and Leisl Moriarty



### April

- 1 SCA Data Due Membership Data and lists (revised from 4/15)

## Position Statement Public Comment

The ASCA Position Statement Committee is revising a number of position statements. SCAs are encouraged to share any comments by Feb. 15, 2024.

## 2024 Check-In

Schedule a yearly check-in call with Jill Cook and Leisl Moriarty by March 31.

## Governance Capacity Building

Each SCA is eligible to select one package each year that meets their governance training needs. Any costs beyond the provided ASCA allotment will be contracted and paid directly by the SCA to the consultant.

## REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR #ASCA24



Regular conference registration is now open. Register for in-person in Kansas City, Mo. or virtual [here](#).

## DELEGATE RATES FOR #ASCA24

To align with other special rates offered, ASCA Conference registration for Delegates will adjust to align with the early, regular and late registration fees below.

Early Bird by March 1 – \$299

Regular by May 1 – \$349

Late after May 1 – \$399

Hotel Information: [ASCA Conferences Website](#)

# COLLABORATION

ASCA is hosting a book club with the Counselors for Social Justice (CSJ) School Counseling Taskforce. The group will read and discuss "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas and will meet on the following dates:

Feb. 14, 7-8 p.m. EST

April 24, 7-8 p.m. EDT

If you are interested in participating, sign up [here](#).

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

### ASCA@HOME

[Registration](#) is still available for [ASCA@home: Systemic Change in Action](#),  
Access remains available until Mar. 10, 2024.





# Out and About

Jill Cook participated in the School Based-Health Alliance advisory committee meeting.

ASCA staff participated in ASAE's AI Summit for Associations.

Amanda Fitzgerald met with ASIS International.

ASCA staff attended the Professional Convention Management Association conference.

ASCA staff participated in the ASCA DEI anti-racist subcommittee meeting.

Jill and Amanda met with the U.S. deputy secretary of education, Cindy Marten.

ASCA staff attended ASAE's neurodiversity task force meeting.

ASCA staff participated in the HRC Project Thrive coalition meeting.

Amanda participated in a meeting with the Title IV Coalition.

Jill met with the strategic planning committee of the Learning First Alliance.

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## PRESS

- Education Week – A story on how students and educators are preparing for the digital SAT officially launching in U.S. schools this spring.
- **Mother Jones** – A story on Moms for Liberty’s attacks on education.
- *U.S. News & World Report* - A story on how to prepare for college admissions interviews.
- *NBC News* - A story on the school counselor shortage and mental health.
- **ABC News 7** – Interview with 2024 School Counselor of the Year Diana Virgil.
- **K-12 Dive** – An article about the newly released National Center for Education Statistics that provides a glimpse of just how much the school climate and safety landscape shifted following the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **NEA Today** – An article about the role of the school counselor and today’s challenges.
- *The Hill* – An article about how students and parents are feeling about the delays with FAFSA information.
- *The Washington Post* – A story on bills pending in various states about school chaplains and how they relate to school counselors.
- *KTVU in San Francisco* – Jill was interviewed live on air about the role of the school counselor.
- **Alabama PBS** – Interview with 2024 School Counselor of the Year Diana Virgil.
- *The Washington Post* – A story on how the hiccups and delays with the FAFSA are affecting stakeholders.
- *The New York Times* – A story on how schools are working to manage the crisis in student mental health, particularly with new tools like online therapy and AI.