



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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## CONGRATULATIONS DISCOVERY MIDDLE SCHOOL

On behalf of the Indiana Department of Education and the Indiana School Counselor Association, congratulations on earning the **Indiana Gold Star School Counseling Award**. The Comprehensive School Counseling portfolio you developed reflects the commitment you and your school have to provide an effective school counseling program, offering direct and indirect services to students, planning your program intentionally, and striving to improve student outcomes.

Your school exhibits the highest level of school counseling professionalism by addressing The Indiana School Counseling Competencies for Students and the American School Counseling Association's Mindsets & Behaviors for Student Success. The Gold Star designation is aligned with the American School Counselor Association's National Model and mirrors requirements for the ASCA RAMP Award for Recognized ASCA Model Programs. As a Gold Star School you are eligible to be awarded the RAMP Award as well. More information will be shared with you soon about your next steps to apply for this prestigious status.

### ADVOCACY FOR SCHOOL COUNSELING

We encourage you to help promote excellence in school counseling by publicizing your Indiana Gold Star School Counseling School Award. Please:

- Print the memo on the following page and share it with your principal;
- Use the Gold Star Award logo - which is accessible in your Carrying the Torch to Student Success account - on your school's print and electronic materials.

The Indiana Gold Star School Counseling Award will be presented to you at the annual Indiana School Counselor Association Conference on November 14 or 15, 2024, at the Marriott East in Indianapolis. ISCA will contact you before November with additional information. We hope that you will attend!

Again, we congratulate you on this achievement and we look forward to our continued work together.

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DEAR PRINCIPAL CUNHA

Congratulations! Your school counseling team is being awarded the Indiana Gold Star School Counseling Award presented by the Indiana Department of Education! Your school earned this award by participating in the Carrying the Torch to Student Success comprehensive school counseling program. The Gold Star School Counseling Award highlights the hours of work completed by your school counselors in designing a vision-based and data-driven comprehensive school counseling program that meets the academic, college & career, and well-being needs of your students. It means your school counseling program intentionally addresses The Indiana School Counseling Competencies for Students and the American School Counseling Association's Mindsets & Behaviors for Student Success. Receiving the Indiana Gold Star School Counseling Award also qualifies your school to be a recipient of the American School Counselor Association's national award called RAMP (Recognized ASCA Model Program). This national award is given each year at the ASCA National Conference. As a RAMP recipient, your school will join a selective number of schools across the country to receive this prestigious award. Your school counselors will receive more information soon.

The Indiana School Counseling Award presentation will be held at the Indiana School Counselor Association State Conference November 14 or 15, 2024 at the Marriott East in Indianapolis. The Indiana School Counselor Association will be sending your primary Carrying the Torch to Student Success contact person more information about the awards ceremony soon. We hope you will be able to attend this event with a school counselor or representative to receive your award.

You have reason to be proud of your school counselors!

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