

About ISCA...

Professional school counselors in Iowa serve as advocates for students and leaders in their districts as new directions in education evolve across the state. School counselors support the academic mission of each district by helping students prepare for tomorrow's world.

ISCA provides professional development to help school counselors develop their counseling programs and meet students' needs. In addition, ISCA offers opportunities for networking and collaboration that strengthen this work for students in Iowa.

By being a part of a professional organization, counselors can support the assessment of their school's needs, help identify issues within their buildings, and collaborate with others to develop solutions. With the ASCA Model in hand, Iowa's school counselors can design, develop, implement, and evaluate a comprehensive, developmental, and systematic school counseling program.

To ready students for the 21st century and the adults they will need to be, counselors understand students will require career guidance, a strong focus on social and emotional development as well as increasing academic success. Comprehensive counseling and guidance programs support better attendance, fewer discipline problems, and higher academics by strengthening student's skills, knowledge, and attitudes.

*One Vision,
One Voice*

Why Belong to ISCA?

ISCA is dedicated to...

- a common vision and mission
- ensuring equity and access to a rigorous education for every student.
- utilizing the ASCA National Model to develop a comprehensive program
- promoting and enhancing the learning process through an integration of academic, career and personal/social development
- moving from services to programs and from measuring processes to measuring results.
- providing professional development opportunities either statewide or regionally
- assisting in the areas of leadership, student advocacy, collaboration, and system support.
- current best practices and research-based programming leading to more effective and efficient methods
- involvement in both state and national organizations at the decision-making level

- support for Iowa school counselors as they take voice in Legislative efforts
- advocating for school counseling in Iowa.

Joining ISCA...

Who...

Any person engaged in or interested in school counseling in Iowa is eligible to become a member.

How...

- A membership application is found on the ISCA (Iowa School Counseling Association) web site:

www.iowaschoolcounselors.org

- Fill in the necessary information and mail a check for \$35 to the membership chair.

To provide the opportunity for others to be active with the state organization, memberships are also available to student and retired school counselors at a reduced rate.

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In the Past Year ISCA has...

- ...co-hosted a State School Counselor Conference
- ...supported the Iowa School Counselor Academy
- ...participated in activities to lobby for Iowa's students
- ...participated in the Iowa School Counseling Task Force, developed to provide leadership in implementing new legislation (SF 277) that provides professional school counselors to every student
- ...adopted the American School Counseling Association's National Model as their framework to design, coordinate, implement, manage, and evaluate comprehensive programs
- ...awarded scholarships to members via
 - John L. Thompson Award – Awarding school counseling programs at the high school level
 - Gary Henrichs Memorial Award/Grant – Awards for elementary/middle school counseling programs
- ...developed a "Counselor of the Year" award to honor elementary, middle/jr. high, high school, and multi-level Iowa counselors
- ...held regular ISCA Board planning meetings
- ...continued the ISCA newsletter to help support Iowa school counselors
- ...continued the "helping hands" list to mentor fellow counselors whether a new counselor or a veteran in the field
- ...continued the development of the ISCA web site, www.iowaschoolcounselors.org
- ...sent representatives to the ASCA Delegate Assembly
- ...participated in the ASCA Leadership Development Institute

"Human potential,
though not always
apparent, is always
there ~ waiting to
be discovered and
invited forth."



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Iowa's Professional
Organization
for
School Counselors

ISCA is a State Division of ASCA -
American School
Counselor Association