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Seven GCPS schools earn counseling distinction

The work of **Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS)** counselors at seven schools have earned their programs national distinction. The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) presented six schools with the “Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) Designation,” while a seventh school has been recertified. The RAMP designation, awarded to schools that are aligned with the criteria set in the *ASCA National Model*, recognizes schools that are committed to delivering a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program and an exemplary educational environment.

The schools and their counselors are:

- **Annistown Elementary** – Terri Allen
- **Bethesda Elementary** – Kate Anderson, Aara Bunyan, and Rachel Fogelman
- **Grayson Elementary** – Dr. Dana Edwards and RoseMary Ruffner
- **Magill Elementary** – Trina Clinkscales, Martha Holt, and Joanie Huston
- **Mason Elementary** – Paige Price and Robin Zorn
- **Jones Middle** – Karen Bevak, Pat Marr, Ashley White, and Lisa Winter
- **Peachtree Elementary** – Janice Flake, Millissent Flemmings, and Mary Pederson

(Peachtree Elementary originally earned RAMP designation in 2009 and has been recertified)

These Gwinnett schools join a select group of other schools from across the country that have received the national recognition since the program’s inception in 2004. In 2010, Radloff Middle and Collins Hill High earned the distinction. In all, 10 GCPS schools have now been recognized with the RAMP Designation, which is valid for three years.

The American School Counselor Association is a worldwide nonprofit organization which supports school counselors’ efforts to help students focus on academic, personal/social, and career development so they not only achieve success in school but are prepared to lead fulfilling lives as responsible members of society.

For more information or about the counselor’s role in GCPS, contact Dianne Thompson, director of advisement and counseling, at 67-301-7372, or visit

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