Recognition of Accountability, Verification and Excellence

RAVE

2007

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RAVE RATIONALE

The RAVE is a continuous improvement document that gives a school-counseling program an opportunity to demonstrate effective communication and a commitment to implementing an outcome-based, data-driven program. Modeled after the Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Model for Alabama Public Schools (State Plan), the Recognition of Accountability Verification & Excellence Award (RAVE) has been developed by an advisory group of Alabama school counselors, counselor educators, system/district supervisors and the Alabama Department of Education.

We hope that you will find the RAVE useful in:

- presenting a self-evaluation of your school counseling student support system,
- promoting your program to your school administration, school board, community partners and businesses and parents/guardians,
- preparing reports for school accreditation, grants, or awards recognition, and
- implementing the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) National Standards and the National Model for School Counseling Programs, and
- implementing the Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Model for Alabama Public School (State Plan).

HELPFUL TIPS

The following information represents important areas for evaluation and advocacy for your school counseling and guidance program. Each category has bulleted points to help you complete each section. The RAVE might be considered a “resume” for your program, and it needs to have a consistent “voice” and format throughout the document.
The RAVE is a public document and should not have typographical or grammatical errors. Each acronym needs to be spelled out at least one time in the document.

Brevity is important. Your entire RAVE should fit on ONE (1) 8.5 by 11 double-sided, single-spaced page, with no attachments. A brochure format is acceptable. We suggest that you use Arial or Times New Roman font, size 10.

Please submit seven copies of your application in addition to a copy of the application on a diskette (Microsoft Word format only).

OPERATIONAL DEFINITIONS

**Community Partnerships/Resources** - internal and external agencies and programs that integrate their unique talents and opportunities into your school counseling student support system. Collaboration with community partners may include referrals, monitoring, sharing resources, and supervision.

**School Counseling Program** – a coordinated comprehensive program that is part of the school counseling student support system. Credentialed school counselors are responsible for design, implementation, evaluation, and coordination of the school counseling student support system.

**School Counseling Student Support Team** - team of site-based certificated or classified personnel, volunteers, or other individuals. They provide a wide range of student support services that impact student academic, career, and personal/social development.

**School counseling student support system** - services and programs that provide a coordinated support network for all students.

RAVE AWARD APPLICATION

Your school’s RAVE may be considered for the Recognition of Accountability, Verification and Excellence Award recognition that will occur in November 2007. Schools applying for a RAVE Award must follow the format established by the Evaluation Committee. Your student support program’s priorities will determine the length of each section. Members of the RAVE Evaluation Committee will judge this year’s RAVE Award applications.

Please note that the following criteria apply to this year's RAVE: RAVE applications with more than a 10 font will not be considered for a RAVE Award. Your RAVE must fit on ONE (1) 8.5 by 11 double-sided, single-spaced page with no attachments. You may include student and/or staff demographics as space allows - they are not required. The cover letter should include an overview of the process your team engaged in to complete the RAVE and a distribution plan for your document. The RAVE Award application must be received in our office by JULY 1, 2007.
Faxed or emailed documents will not be accepted. Please send one hard copy and the diskette of your RAVE Award application form, cover letter, and RAVE to:
   Jerri Lynn Morrow
   1137 14th Avenue
   Pleasant Grove, AL 35127

Please address and affix postage to a receipt form so the Evaluation Committee may acknowledge receipt of your application. You will be notified by July 15, 2006 that your RAVE Award application has been received. No queries will be answered. The RAVE Award ceremony is tentatively scheduled during the ALCA Annual Conference scheduled to be held during November 2007.

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**
If you have any questions or concerns with regard to the RAVE Award, please feel free to contact any member of the Executive Board of ALSCA.

We encourage you to design your own template that reflects the program at your school and your graphics capabilities.