



RAMP 30 x '30

***Supporting Rhode Island Schools in Achieving
Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) Status***

Overview & Application Packet

March 2026

*Thank you for your interest in becoming a RAMP 30 x '30 School
The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) invites your school to apply to be
considered for this opportunity.*

Section I: Overview and Purpose

The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) has established an ambitious statewide goal to provide planning grants to support **30 schools in achieving Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) designation by 2030**. RAMP is a national recognition awarded by the American School Counseling Association (ASCA) to school counseling programs that demonstrate full implementation of national best practices.

Research shows that students attending RAMP-designated schools demonstrate stronger academic outcomes, including higher SAT scores and increased rates of college enrollment. Through school planning grants, RIDE aims to strengthen school counseling programs as a critical lever for improving student success and advancing postsecondary outcomes as outlined in the Rhode Island PreK–12 Comprehensive School Counseling Framework.

Participating schools will receive **planning grants** and will have access to **optional coaching, professional learning, and implementation tools**. Planning grants are intended to support school counseling teams as they identify the time, strategies, and resources needed to strengthen their counseling programs and prepare their submission of a RAMP application.

Program Benefits and Outcomes

*RIDE's RAMP 30 x '30 initiative will **provide \$10,000 planning grants to support eligible schools with achieving the RAMP designation** from ASCA, therefore:*

- Strengthening counselor capacity to design, implement, and sustain a comprehensive school counseling program aligned with the Rhode Island PreK–12 Comprehensive School Counseling Framework;
- Increasing alignment between school counseling program goals and school improvement plan priorities to support improved schoolwide outcomes; and
- Improving student academic success and postsecondary outcomes through data-informed, equitable counseling practices.

Section 2: RAMP 30 x '30 Requirements

RAMP 30 x '30 Requirements

To participate in the RAMP 30 x '30 Initiative and remain eligible for planning grant funding, schools must complete the following required components:

- 1. Complete a RAMP 30 X '30 planning grant application:**
Schools must complete and submit the [RAMP 30 x '30 application](#) to RIDE, as outlined in Section 3: Application Eligibility, Process, and Timeline.
- 2. Submit the RAMP application to ASCA:**
Schools must submit their completed RAMP application to the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) by the agreed upon submission date. Schools must submit notification to RIDE after submitting their final application.
- 3. Complete the RAMP Planning Checkpoint Calendar as outlined:**
Participating schools are required to complete the RAMP Planning Checkpoint Calendar, documenting key milestones aligned to their RAMP application submission.

Section 3: Application Eligibility, Process & Timeline

Application Eligibility

All Rhode Island schools with counseling programs that have, or are working towards the implementation Rhode Island's PreK–12 Comprehensive School Counseling Framework and [The RAMP Rubric](#) are encouraged to complete an initial application to RIDE. It is important to note the following:

- ✓ **Only schools that intend to apply for RAMP in October 2026 or October 2027 are currently eligible for a \$10,000 planning grant.**

To be currently eligible for RIDE's \$10,000 RAMP 30x'30 Planning Grant, schools must commit to:

1. Submit their completed RAMP application to ASCA by the date the agreed upon date (October 2026 or October 2027)
2. Upload required evidence aligned to each RAMP submission milestone by the dates in the relevant checkpoint calendar:
 - a. October 2026 RAMP Submission Checkpoint Calendar [here](#)
 - b. October 2027 RAMP Submission Checkpoint Calendar [here](#).

Additional planning grant amounts will be determined for future cohorts contingent upon funding.

Process for Applying

Complete the [online application](#) (Google Form) at your earliest convenience by April 3, 2026.

Timeline for RAMP 30x'30 Program Completion

Process	Date
Application Released	March 4, 2026
Deadline for Application Submission	April 3, 2026
RIDE Notifies Selected Schools	On a rolling basis as applications are received.
Optional Q & A Session (Virtual)	March 12, 2026, 1-2 PM - Zoom Registration Link March 20, 2026, 11-12 PM - Zoom Registration Link
Optional RAMP Support Session <i>(In-person in East Greenwich, RI)</i>	May 20, 2026
2026 RAMP Submission	<i>October 15, 2026</i>
2027 RAMP Submission	<i>October 1, 2027</i>

Thank you for your consideration of this exciting opportunity. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact onna.holland@ride.ri.gov