

ABC News Release 2011 Award

PRESS RELEASE

**2011 National Awards for ABC Awards Program
National Consortium of State Guidance Leadership**

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The National Guidance Consortium has been honoring elementary and middle schools for 15 years for their comprehensive and effective guidance and counseling programs. The program is competitive nationally and selections are made on very rigorous standards set by the Consortium of State Guidance Leaders. This year two schools were selected as our national awardees, and there were two runner up and three honorable mentions awards. The following are descriptions and listing of awardees:

**Elementary Career Development Program, Denton Independent School District
School**

Then Denton District Elementary school program was highly rated across all the program standards and program elements of having a guidance curriculum, individual planning and a broad set of responsive services and outstanding support for their program. Most impressive was how guidance is integrated into the whole educational experience. The program deals with the personal and social skills as well as life skills employability and career and life planning.

The core of guidance experience is delivered with their guidance career awareness and exploration and career concentration and lifelong learning. Parents and faculty seem to all be involved some way in all aspects of their program including the assessment of the guidance program. Students are afforded with a wide variety of opportunities to study about their uniqueness, the labor market, life planning that focus on how education contributes to their reaching their potential and plans.

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Madison Middle School, Seattle, Washington

The **Madison Middle School** was also chosen as a national winner. They were rated highly because of their delivery of guidance skills and experiences through a curriculum, career role models and speaker's bureau. In addition parents are key to the program success as well as teachers as full program partners. Unique also are the requirements and opportunities for ALL students to experience deeply at least nine careers of interest. Their 842 students, grades 6, 7 and all have set their goals and have a beginning life plan.

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