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IASPA Recognized as AASPA Compass Distinguished Affiliate

August 2026—The Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) is pleased to announce that the Iowa Association of School Personnel Administrators (IASPA) has been recognized by the American Association of School Personnel Administrators (AASPA) as an AASPA Compass Distinguished Affiliate. The recognition honors IASPA's commitment to supporting and advancing school personnel professionals across Iowa.



AASPA announced the recipients following its Virtual State Leaders Retreat. The Compass Distinguished Affiliate Award recognizes state affiliates that help lead the way for the school personnel profession by demonstrating excellence in four key areas: governance, engagement, programming, and advocacy.

“Congratulations to IASPA on this well-deserved recognition,” said D.T. Magee, IASB Executive Director. “Strong personnel leadership is essential to the success of our schools, and IASPA provides valuable support to the leaders who help school boards build strong teams and serve Iowa students.”

IASPA was among 16 of AASPA's 38 state affiliates recognized this year, joining organizations from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Utah, Kansas, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, and Virginia.

As a committee of IASB, IASPA provides opportunities for Iowa school personnel professionals to connect, learn and grow through professional learning, networking, leadership and advocacy. The Compass Distinguished Affiliate recognition highlights the important role IASPA plays in strengthening the profession and supporting the school districts and communities its members serve.

Learn more about IASPA at www.ia-sb.org.