



# Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals

## Star of Innovation Award Application Form

School Name LeRoy - Ostrander School Grade Levels 6-12  
 Name of School District LeRoy - Ostrander School District  
 Name of Principal Aaron Hungerholt  
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 MASSP Division SE  
 Name of Program Student Service Center

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet/s of paper.

- Description of the program.
- How has it impacted your school?
- What difficulties did you encounter in its implementation?
- What issue/s might another school encounter in replicating this program?
- Do you have any data to show the impact of this program? If so, please share it with us.

Applications must be submitted to MASSP offices by March 1.

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Three years ago, we implemented our Student Service Center. The SSC is exactly what it says, anything related to students runs through this office. The SSC consists of a Dean of Students, Full-Time substitute teacher, and our District Assessment Coordinator. The three individuals in this office team up to work on the following: student discipline, student assessments, attendance, college and career readiness, work-study program, track grades and missing assignments. They help students with registration and provide guidance in course choices as well as assist in the college preparation.

The past three years we have seen an increase in attendance, an improvement in grades, and less behavioral referrals. The SSC has been a great resource for students and the three individuals have done a great job building relationships with the students. It has been a great addition to our school and has definitely provided more in-depth help for our students.

The difficulties implementing this service has just been trying to organize how we collect data, when to meet with students, and staying on top of each student with grades and missing assignments. Being a small school, this has really been a positive implementation. We know all our students and track all of them regarding attendance, grades, courses, college choices, and/or work force choices.

This is a bit easier for smaller schools to implement since we do know all of our students. In larger schools you may have a larger department to help with all these items, but they may not know all the students as well as we do.

Some of the data that we have gained from the Student Service Center is an increase in attendance, we have seen significant improvement in grades, for example we averaged 10 Fs in grades 6 through 12 for the first and second quarter. If you go back a few years before we had the SSC the F rate for each quarter averaged out at about 75.

It has been a significant addition to the success of our students. We look forward to growing and building upon our successes in the SSC.