



# The Attorney General's Alabama Safe Schools Initiative Award of Excellence Nomination Criteria and Details



The Office of the Alabama Attorney General is now accepting nominations from Alabama public and private schools for the *Alabama Safe Schools Initiative 2014 Award of Excellence*.

1. Each nomination must include: a) 2014 Nomination Form, b) detailed information on the school's participation in at least three of the judging criteria categories, and, c) one copy of the nominated school's approved School Safety Plan. Public school plans must have been approved by the local board of education. Please note: Schools will be judged on all criteria; three is the minimum.
2. Each nominated school should provide a brief description of the school's participation in the judging criteria/categories (see below). Each category's description should be no more than one page in length, but may be less. Descriptions may be supplemented with photographs, news articles, and other supporting information.
3. Each nominated school should also provide at least one letter of recommendation supporting this nomination from a local law enforcement agency or local emergency response agency.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

The judges' review of each school's School Safety Plan will account for up to 50% of the overall score.

The additional 50% will be comprised of the following criteria:

1. **Law Enforcement/Local Emergency Officials Collaboration (10%)** – Strength of efforts in involving the school and local law enforcement/emergency response agencies as it relates to the school's safe school planning efforts.
2. **Crisis Management Preparation/Training (15%)** - Strength of efforts of the school administration, teachers, and students to manage the school during a crisis. *May also include information on the school's participation in safe school training(s), regular staff safety briefings, and use of the Virtual Alabama School Safety System.*
3. **School Resource Officer/Technology (10%)** – Strength of overall structure, extent of day-to-day involvement, and innovative approaches or collaborations that are utilized in the administration of the school's School Resource Officer and safety technologies. *Note: If school does not have an SRO Program, review and judge the role of local law/emergency response authorities in the school safety efforts and trainings.*
4. **Mentoring Initiatives/Community Participation (5%)** - School-student-community outreach programs, including (but not limited to) active mentoring programs, peer-to-peer collaborative efforts, student participation in area Teen Courts, etc.
5. **Law-related Education/Drug Abuse, Bullying and Cyber-Bullying Prevention (10%)** - Law-related and civic education classes that address bullying, social networks, cyber-bullying and efforts to combat illegal drug use among students or other extracurricular organizations including random drug testing.
6. **2013 Best Practices** – If your school instituted any of our 2013 Best Practices, let us know and you can receive extra points! **(2%) - (Bonus Points)**.

Nominations will be reviewed by an independent panel of judges according to these criteria.  
One school from each Alabama school board district will be selected and will be personally visited by  
Attorney General Luther Strange in the fall of 2014 for an Award Presentation.

**THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2014.**

**MAIL NOMINATIONS TO:**

Attorney General Luther Strange ♦ 2014 Safe Schools Excellence Awards ♦ P.O. Box 300152 ♦ Montgomery, AL 36130

**We are not able to return the materials submitted. Applicants are therefore encouraged to submit copies rather than original materials with their nominations.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Attorney General by calling (334) 242-7300



# The Attorney General's Alabama Safe Schools Initiative Award of Excellence 2014 NOMINATION FORM



School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Grades in this school: K 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>

Nomination Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School Principal (if different) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Office Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Principal's Extension # \_\_\_\_\_

Physical (Street) Address of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School System (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

ALSDE State School Board District # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of System Superintendent (or if private school, name of Board President): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Our Nomination Packet includes the following mandatory elements:**

- One copy of the nominated school's School Safety Plan (public school plans must have been reviewed by the local board of education).
- One letter of recommendation supporting this nomination from a local law enforcement agency or local emergency response agency.

**Our nomination also includes the following elements (Note: At least 3 of these elements are required. Please remember that all categories are included in the judging process; include information on all that apply):**

- Details on our school's Law Enforcement/Local Emergency Officials Collaboration
- Details on our school's Crisis Management Preparation/Training
- Details on our School's School Resource Officer/Technology Implementation
- Details on our school's Mentoring Initiatives/Community Participation
- Details on our school's Law-related Education/Drug Abuse, Bullying and Cyber Bullying Prevention

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