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 2013 Award of Excellence.*

1. **Each nomination must include: a) 2013 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. **Strength of the Letter of recommendation (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 2013 for an Award Presentation.**

The deadline for nominations is Friday, June 7, 2013.
Mail nominations to:

Attorney General Luther Strange ♦ 2013 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

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2013 Nomination Form

School Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ County _____

Grades in this school (circle applicable grades):

K ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th ☐ 5th ☐ 6th ☐ 7th ☐ 8th ☐ 9th ☐ 10th ☐ 11th ☐ 12th ☐

Nomination Submitted by _____

Title _____

Name of School Principal (if different) _____ **Email** Address _____

School Office Phone Number _____ Principal's Extension # _____

Physical (Street) Address of School: _____

Driving Directions to this school, from Montgomery:

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Name of School System (if applicable) _____

ALSDE State School Board District #_____ *(Details available on-line at http://www.alsde.edu/html/boe.asp)*

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 <u>all that apply</u>*):

- ☐ 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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