



Steve Marshall
Attorney General
Alabama Safe Schools Initiative
Award Application Criteria and Details



The Office of the Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall is now accepting applications from Alabama public and private schools for the 2019 Alabama Safe Schools Initiative Awards.

1. Each application must include (digital PDF format is preferred): a) 2019 Application Form, b) detailed information on the school's participation in at least three of the judging criteria categories, and, c) Release/Authorization to view Campus Emergency Operation Plan/Mapping through NSide (formerly known as VAS³). Please note: Schools will be judged on all criteria; three is the minimum.
2. Each 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 school should also provide letters of recommendation supporting this application from each of the following: 1) local law enforcement agency (police or sheriff), 2) local fire department or other local emergency agency.

NEW SELECTION PROCESS IMPLEMENTED

Applications will be reviewed by an independent panel of judges according to these criteria.

The Attorney General's 2019 Safe School Award of Excellence - (3 Winners)

One public school with the top overall score will be selected from the North Region, Central Region, and South Region (see Region Map). Each of these 3 winning schools will receive a personal visit from Attorney General Steve Marshall for this top Award Presentation.

The Attorney General's 2019 Safe School Award - (9 Winners - 8 Public Schools/1 Private School)

One public school with the top score will be selected from each of the 8 Alabama State Department of Education School Districts (see District Map). One private school with the top score will be selected from the entire State of Alabama.

Each of these 9 winning schools will receive a personal visit from Attorney General Steve Marshall for an Award Presentation.

The Attorney General's 2019 Certificate of Building a Culture for School Safety

Schools meeting certain criteria as determined by the judges will receive this Certificate from the Office of the Attorney General.

***JUDGING CRITERIA**

The judges' review of each school's School Safety Plan/Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) will account for up to 50% of the overall score.

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

1. **Preparation/Training (15%)** - Strength of efforts of the school administration, teachers, and students to manage the school during a crisis. *Should include school's participation in safe school training and drills, regular staff safety briefings and use of NSide School Safety Platform. Include documentation of training.*
2. **School Resource Officer (SRO) (as defined as APOSTC certified law enforcement officer under the direction of a law enforcement agency that is specifically selected and specially trained for the school environment) or Other School Security Personnel (10%)** - Strength of overall structure, extent of day-to-day involvement of SRO, special training, and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). *Note: If school does not have an SRO Program, review and judge the role of the local law/emergency response authorities in the school safety efforts and trainings.*
3. **Collaboration of Local Emergency Response Agencies (i.e., Emergency Management Agency (EMA), Fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Local Law Enforcement Agency, etc.) (10%)** - Strength of efforts in involving the school with emergency response agencies in its safety planning efforts.
4. **Technology (5%)** - Strength of overall structure and innovative approaches in the use of safety technologies (i.e., use of cameras, door monitoring, alerts, etc.)
5. **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.
6. **Law-related Education/Drug Abuse, Bullying and Cyber-Bullying Prevention (5%)** - Law-related and civic education classes within the school that address bullying, social networks, cyber-bullying and efforts to combat illegal drug abuse among students, or education provided by other extracurricular organizations including random drug testing.

THE DEADLINE TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 30, 2019.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit the applications in a digital format by emailing them to:

ssi@ago.state.al.us

If you are unable to submit your application in a digital format, please submit copies rather than original documents as we are unable to return the material submitted. **Mail these applications to:**
Attorney General Steve Marshall - 2019 Safe Schools Awards - P.O. Box 300152 - Montgomery, AL 36130
If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Attorney General by calling (334) 242-7300.



Attorney General Steve Marshall Alabama Safe Schools Initiative 2019 APPLICATION FORM



School Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ County _____

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

Application Submitted by _____

Title _____

Name of School Principal/Headmaster (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 # _____ (see District Map) Private School

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

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone #: _____

Our Application Packet includes the following mandatory elements:

- 2019 Application Form
- Release/Authorization checked (see info in red below*)
- One letter of recommendation supporting this application from a local law enforcement agency (police or sheriff).
- One letter of recommendation supporting this application from a local fire department or other local emergency agency.

Our application 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 Preparation/Training
- Details on our school's School Resource Officer
- Details on our school's Local Emergency Response Agencies
- Details on our school's Technology related to School Safety
- Details on our school's Mentoring Initiatives/Community Participation
- Details on our school's Law-related Education/Drug Abuse, Bullying and Cyber Bullying Prevention

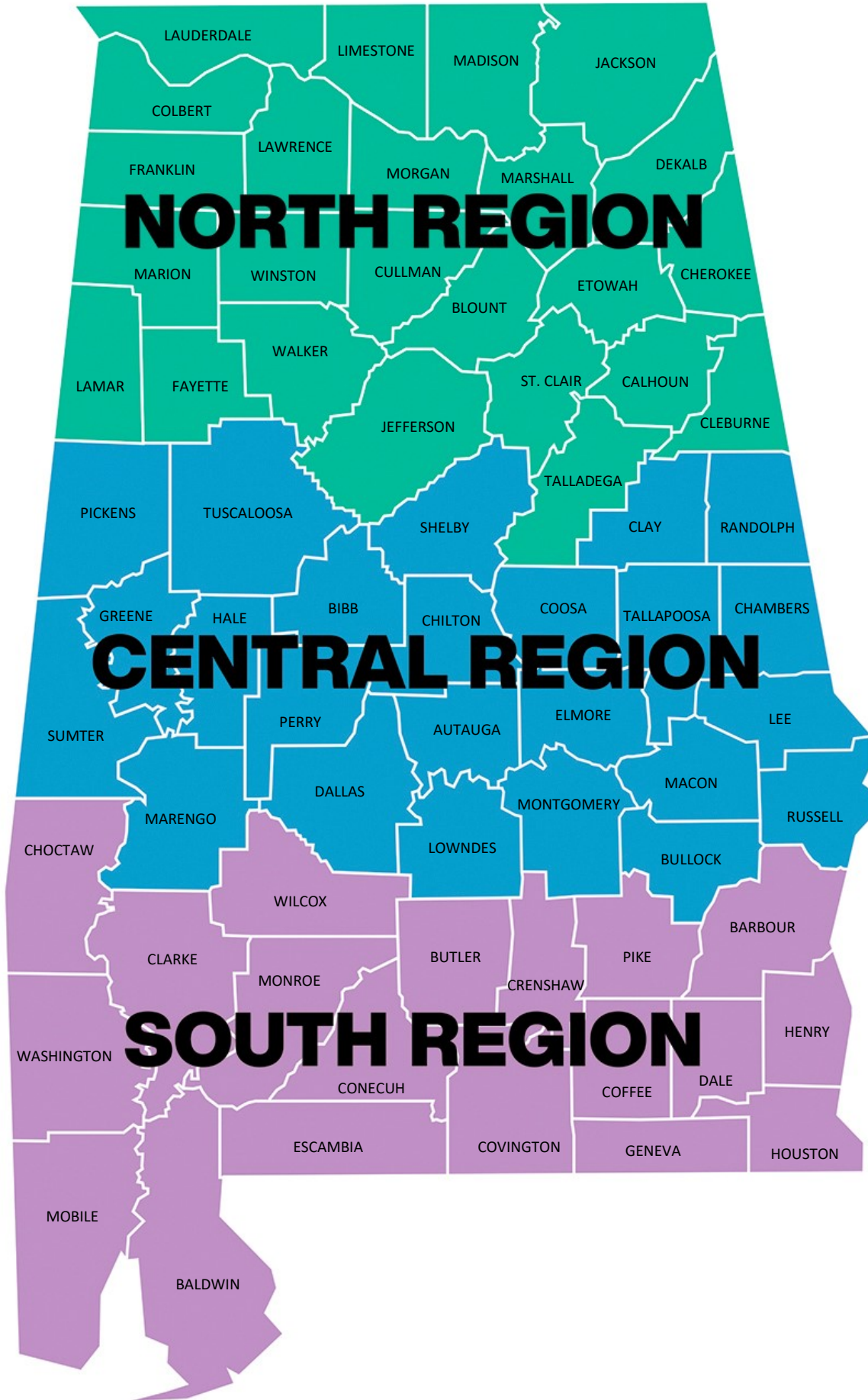
***Our school RELEASES and GIVES AUTHORIZATION for the Office of the Attorney General and Safe School Judges to view our Campus Emergency Operation Plan/ Mapping through NSide School Safety Platform.**

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REGION MAP



DISTRICT MAP

