



## **Attorney General Steve Marshall Announces Alabama 2019 Safe Schools Winners**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Steve Marshall today announced winners of the 2019 Safe Schools Initiative Awards. This year, the program was expanded to include three awards for highest excellence in school safety as well as certificates of special recognition for schools building a culture for school safety. These new categories are in addition to the traditional safe school awards for each public school district and for a private school.

“The safety of our schoolchildren is a vital matter foremost in all of our minds and hearts, and this year we have enhanced the Safe Schools Initiative Awards to encourage and honor more of those who have implemented strong programs to protect our students, teachers and other staff,” said Attorney General Marshall. “These schools have developed innovative programs and taken practical, effective steps to combat the threat of violence that has become a terrible part of our modern society. Their dedication and resolve to provide a safe haven for learning is an inspiration to us all.”

On November 26, 2019, a [panel of independent judges](#) reviewed submissions from a total of 124 schools from throughout Alabama and selected the following winners.

For the **Attorney General’s 2019 Safe Schools Award of Excellence**, one public school with the top overall score was selected from the North, Central and South regions of Alabama. Attorney General Marshall will visit each school to present the award in person. The winners are North Region: **Decatur Middle School**, Decatur; Central Region: **Westlawn Middle School**, Tuscaloosa; and South Region: **Orange Beach Elementary School**, Orange Beach.

For the **Attorney General’s 2019 Safe Schools Award**, one public school with the top score was selected for each of the eight state public school districts and one private school statewide. The winners are District 1: **Pleasant Home School**, Andalusia; District 2: **Loachapoka High School**, Loachapoka; District 3: **Shades Mountain Elementary School**, Hoover; District 4: **Northridge Middle School**, Tuscaloosa; District 5: **Prattville Junior High School**, Prattville; District 6: **Austin High School**, Decatur; District 7: **Forest Hills Elementary**, Florence; District 8: **Discovery Middle School**, Madison; and private school: **Lee-Scott Academy**, Auburn. Attorney General Marshall will visit these schools to present the awards in person.



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The following schools will receive the **Attorney General's 2019 Certificate of Building a Culture for School Safety**:

*District 1:*

Foley Intermediate School, Foley  
Peter F. Alba Middle School, Bayou La Batre  
W.J. Carroll Intermediate School, Daphne

*District 2:*

Creekside Elementary School, Auburn  
Opelika High School, Opelika  
Opelika Middle School, Opelika  
Wrights Mill Road Elementary School, Auburn

*District 3:*

Chelsea Middle School, Chelsea  
Chilton County High School, Clanton  
Clanton Elementary School, Clanton  
Clanton Intermediate School, Clanton  
Clanton Middle School, Clanton  
Creek View Elementary School, Alabaster  
Jemison Elementary School, Jemison  
Jemison High School, Jemison  
Jemison Intermediate School, Jemison  
Jemison Middle School, Jemison  
Mt. Laurel Elementary School, Birmingham  
Oak Mountain Middle School, Birmingham  
Pelham Oaks Elementary School, Pelham  
Pinecrest Elementary School, Sylacauga  
R.F. Bumpus Middle School, Hoover  
Sylacauga High School, Sylacauga  
Thompson High School, Alabaster  
Thompson Intermediate School, Alabaster  
Trace Crossings Elementary School, Hoover  
Verbena High School, Verbena

*District 4:*

Central High School, Tuscaloosa  
The Alberta School of Performing Arts, Tuscaloosa  
Woodland Forrest Elementary School, Tuscaloosa

*District 6:*

Austin Junior High School, Decatur  
Austin Middle School, Decatur

Banks-Caddell Elementary School, Decatur  
Benjamin Davis Elementary School, Decatur  
Chestnut Grove Elementary School, Decatur  
Cullman High School, Cullman  
Decatur High School, Decatur  
Fairview Middle School, Cullman  
Frances Nungester Elementary School, Decatur  
Hayden High School, Hayden  
Moody Middle School, Moody  
West Point High School, Cullman

*District 7:*

Cherokee Elementary School, Cherokee  
Cherokee High School, Cherokee  
Colbert County High School, Leighton  
Colbert Heights Elementary School, Tuscumbia  
Deshler High School, Tuscumbia  
Russellville Elementary School, Russellville

*District 8:*

Chaffee Elementary School, Huntsville  
Challenger Elementary School, Huntsville  
Chapman Elementary School, Huntsville  
Chapman Middle School, Huntsville  
Columbia High School, Huntsville  
Farley Elementary School, Huntsville  
Goldsmith Schiffman Elementary School, Owens Cross Roads  
Hampton Cove Middle School, Owens Cross Roads  
Highlands Elementary School, Huntsville  
Huntsville Junior High School, Huntsville  
Rainbow Elementary School, Madison

*Private:*

Coosa Valley Academy, Harpersville  
UMS-Wright Preparatory School, Mobile

[Link to school district and region maps](#)