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## ALABAMA'S HIGH SCHOOLS AMONG TOP WINNERS OF THE 2022 COLLEGE SUCCESS AWARDS

*"Award Celebrates Schools Nationwide Excelling in Student College Preparation"*

**Montgomery, Ala.** – America's high schools play a critical role in helping all students gain the skills and knowledge needed to succeed after graduation. Today, several top performing Alabama public high schools have earned the *College Success Award* for 2022.



Now in its fifth year, the *College Success Award* highlights schools throughout the nation that are truly achieving in preparing all students for postsecondary and career success.

These **66 Alabama schools** are among only 1,742

nationwide, to earn this year's honor. *See the full list of Alabama schools that have earned this award at:* <https://www.greatschools.org/alabama/college-success-award/>

The GreatSchools.org College Success Award has allowed many communities to identify and celebrate their local schools that are doing well in ensuring every student is prepared for college, and greatly succeeding once they get there. On average, 86 percent of students from College Success Award-winning schools do not require remediation in college.

Since this national initiative was started, school principals, superintendents, and governors have shared the exciting news about the laudable achievements of their local public high schools and students.

The *College Success Award* also focuses on educational equity, recognizing schools that excel at preparing K-12 students from lower income households.

With an estimated 70 percent of all jobs by 2027 possibly requiring a postsecondary education, more experts now feel America's students will need to not only graduate high school, but also be well-positioned to go on to postsecondary learning opportunities.

According to information from *GreatSchools.org*, nearly 77 percent of parents now find it essential for their children to go to college.

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***HOW ALABAMA IS LEADING THE WAY IN COLLEGE PREPAREDNESS***

- This year, 66 Alabama schools have earned the 2022 College Success Award.
- Exactly 35 of these top-performing schools have at least 40 percent of their students eligible for free or reduced-price meals.
- All of these award-winning schools are traditional Alabama public schools.

Learn more about the *College Success Award* and discover promising practices for college success at [www.greatschools.org/gk/college-success-awards/](http://www.greatschools.org/gk/college-success-awards/)

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