

**“Preventing Gun Violence in Our Schools -
Know the Signs”**

**2026 Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)
23rd Annual Logo Contest Rules**

Deadline Date

All entries must be received by **April 13, 2026**, at the U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of South Carolina, 1441 Main Street, Suite 500, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. Winners will be notified on or about the week of **May 11, 2026**, and arrangements will be made to potentially make award presentation.

Who May Enter

Any grade-school student (homeschooled students included) in the state of South Carolina may submit an entry. Entries will be divided into the following categories:

Division 1:	Grades K-2
Division 2:	Grades 3-5
Division 3:	Grades 6-8
Division 4:	Grades 9-12

Logo Theme

Discuss with your students the goal of the contest – to prevent gun violence in our schools by educating students about the dangers of gun violence and what warning signs to look for from peers. Additionally, part of that goal is to encourage students who see something, to say something to an adult. In almost every documented case of school gun violence, the student demonstrated warning signs that were not fully understood, addressed, or shared by (or with) people who could have helped. **Contestant logos, therefore, can reflect (1) encouragement to say something, if they see something; (2) warning sign(s) that students should be looking for related to gun violence; or (3) ideas on how students themselves can encourage other students to not use guns to resolve disputes.** Themes should be original,

appropriate in subject matter, and the product solely of the student who is entering the contest. .

Logo Specifications/Rules

Completed logos/artwork may be submitted on construction paper, poster tag, or heavy paper. Submissions *must be* no larger than 8.5 x 11 inches in size. Designs *must not* include any copyrighted materials, such as cartoon or television characters. Submissions *must not* be laminated and *must not* use lined paper. Logos should be original, appropriate in subject matter, and the product *solely* of the student who is entering the contest. Do *not* copy ideas from past winning entries. Entries are allowed to include a slogan in their logo, but this is not required. Any entries not meeting these specifications/rules may be disqualified from judging.

Judging

Entries will be reviewed members of the Youth Advisory Council, a select group of students from the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice. Criteria for the selection of award-winning logos are:

- Relationship of the logo design to the goals of PSN
- Originality
- Artwork
- Visual Impact

Prizes

Prizes, compliments of the SC Law Enforcement Officers Association (SCLEOA) and the SC Sheriffs' Association, will be awarded for each of the four divisions. Each division winner will receive \$ 50.00 with the Overall Winner among the division winners receiving an extra \$50.00.

The overall winning logo will also be reprinted in PSN publications and featured on the U. S. Attorney's Office website and in other media, including social media. Other grade division winners, including honorable mentions, may also be reprinted on materials, and featured on the U. S. Attorney's Office website and in other media, including social media, at the sole discretion of the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Entries

All entries must include a PSN Logo Contest Application. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

*(**NOTE:** please attach an application to EACH entry by stapling or gluing the application to the back of the entry so that the entry cannot be separated from the application. This ensures that we have the correct student's name and grade with their entry.)*

Finally, the entry should be mailed to:

Attn: Stacey Haynes
United States Attorney's Office
District of South Carolina
1441 Main Street, Suite 500
Columbia, SC 29201

- **ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BY APRIL 13, 2026**

Terms and Conditions of Participation

By submitting a logo/artwork in our contest, you agree to the following terms and conditions on behalf of the participating student:

I am submitting the logo/artwork on behalf of my student (homeschooled students included) and have discussed these contest rules with my student and/or his/her parent(s) and/or guardian(s). In exchange for contest consideration, any and all legal rights of title and ownership in the submitted project (including copyright protections) shall become the legal right of the U.S. Attorney's Office. The U.S. Attorney's Office shall have free use of such project for any and all purposes for which it sees fit, without any further obligation to me or the student. The submission was the sole creation of the named student. I understand that projects submitted for consideration will not be returned and those not meeting the specifications/rules we be disqualified from judging.

Furthermore, I agree that the name of the student, school, and grade level can be used in press releases, on the U.S. Attorney's Office website, in U.S. Attorney's Office publications, and in any other documents that the U.S. Attorney's Office sees fit, without any further notice to me or the student. Additionally, I give permission to U.S. Attorney's Office to use, reproduce, prepare derivative works, publish through a variety of media, including social media, distribute copies to the public, and display publicly the submission, including text and illustrations, and any ancillary material, including, but not limited to, the student's name, school, grade/level of study, and any photographs and/or videos containing the student's image, for all purposes deemed appropriate by U.S. Attorney's Office. The U.S. Attorney's Office may distribute the submission, including text and illustrations, and any ancillary material through a variety of media, including but not limited to print, television, websites, social media, or any other means.

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Please submit the following information for each participating student and securely attach to the back of the student's entry:

Student's Name: _____
(First and Last Name)

Grade Level: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Email Address for Teacher/Contact:

Address to which correspondence should be mailed:
(If a school, please list an attention-to contact):

School: _____

Street Address (No P.O. Boxes): _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parents/Guardians Agree to Terms of Participation?
YES ☐ NO ☐

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