

Alabama Mandates Ten Commandments Display in Public Schools

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey signed Senate Bill 99, which requires the display of the Ten Commandments in some public schools.

“In Alabama, we proudly remember that we live in one nation under God. The Ten Commandments – like the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights – are critical to understanding the founding of our country,” Ivey said in a statement. “Especially as we approach the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, it is of the utmost importance Alabama’s children understand the history of this great country we call home. That absolutely includes a foundational document like the Ten Commandments.”

According to the law, the Ten Commandments will be displayed in schools “subject to the availability of donations.” The law states that the Ten Commandments are “a key part of the Judeo Christian religious and moral tradition that shaped Western Civilization and ultimately the founding of the United States.” Teaching students about the Ten Commandments “promotes historical understanding and helps to foster a common cultural heritage and awareness,” the law adds.



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Other documents to be displayed include the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, and others.

Ivey declared her support for the inclusion of the Biblical

commands in classrooms during her 2025 State of the State Address, where she said, “[T]here is a place for the Ten Commandments and other key historical documents in our classrooms.”

Other states, such as Texas and Arkansas, also have laws directing the Ten Commandments and other documents to be featured in classrooms, although the policies face legal hurdles.

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