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Eisenhower Top 5, West Climbs to 18 Among Wisconsin High Schools in U.S. News and World Report's 2024 Rankings

New Berlin, Wis. – The School District of New Berlin's two high schools are once again considered among the state's and nation's best, according to the *U.S. News and World Report's* 2024 rankings.

New Berlin Eisenhower ranked fifth for the third straight year and fifth time in six years while West climbed two spots to 18th after ranking 20th two years in a row. A total of 462 Wisconsin high schools were ranked by the publication. Among the top-five, Eisenhower is one of only three traditional public high schools. Three charter schools rank ahead of West, putting it in the top 15 for traditional public high schools.

With rankings of 333rd and 866th, both Eisenhower and West finished in approximately the top 5 percent of the nearly 17,700 nationally ranked schools, according to the publication.

"There is something to be said about Eisenhower and West's consistency; their students and staff continue to achieve at a level our community has come to expect," SDNB Superintendent Joe Garza said. "We're incredibly proud of not only the level of achievement at both schools, their course offerings and the learning environments they provide, but also the high number of college-, career-, and life-ready students that graduate each spring."

The U.S. News & World Report's rankings methodology is based on six measures, with the weights used for each indicator in parentheses:

• **College Readiness (30%)**: proportions of 12th graders who took and earned a qualifying score on at least one Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) exam. Earning a qualifying score is worth three times more than just taking the exam.

• State Assessment Proficiency (20%): Aggregated scores on state assessments that students may be required to pass for graduation.

• **State Assessment Performance (20%):** How aggregated scores on state assessments compare with U.S. News' expectations given the proportions of students who are Black, Hispanic and from low-income households.

• **College Curriculum Breadth (10%):** The proportions of 12th graders who took and earned a qualifying score on AP and IB exams in multiple areas. More exams are valued more than fewer exams up to a maximum of four. Earning a qualifying score on an exam is worth three times more than taking one.

• **Underserved student performance (10%):** Scores on state assessments aggregated just among students who are Black, Hispanic and from low-income households. These scores are compared with that is typical in the state for non-underserved students, with parity or higher being the goal.

• **Graduation rate (10%)**: The proportion of entering ninth graders who graduated four academic years later.

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