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## New Berlin Eisenhower Named #1 WI High School by U.S. News & World Report

For College Readiness, Eisenhower ranks #2 and New Berlin West ranks #6 in WI

New Berlin, Wis. – New Berlin Eisenhower is the top high school in Wisconsin, according to <u>U.S. News &</u> <u>World Report's 2015 Best High Schools</u> list released today.

In College Readiness, Eisenhower ranked #2 and New Berlin West High School ranked #6 in Wisconsin, due to their respective high Advanced Placement participation rates and test scores.

"We are gratified by these results and believe they validate the substantial efforts the School District of New Berlin is making to ensure every graduate is prepared for college and career," said Joe Garza, Superintendent.

New Berlin Eisenhower Middle/High School was one of two high schools in Wisconsin to receive a national gold medal from *U.S. News & World Report.* The other high school was Middleton High School in Dane County.



As explained by US News & World Report, there are several steps that a school must "pass" in order to receive a gold, silver or bronze medal. New Berlin's other high school, West, was not ranked for a medal as a result of discrepancies between economically disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged students.

"Both our high schools are excellent and frequently receive state, regional and national accolades," Garza said, noting that each list published has different criteria and data sources. The District considers multiple data sources in its continuous improvement planning process. "We are always looking at ways we can improve in order to deliver the excellence that the New Berlin community expects and that our students deserve."

The Best High Schools list ranked schools based on their performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college. <u>Read the full methodology</u>.

WI Rank Overall	High School	Municipality
1	New Berlin Eisenhower Middle/High School	New Berlin
2	Middleton High School	Middleton
3	Cedarburg High School	Cedarburg
4	Arrowhead High School	Hartland
5	Germantown High School	Germantown
6	Homestead High School	Mequon
7	Shorewood High School	Shorewood
8	Ronald Wilson Reagan College Prep High School	Milwaukee
9	Brookfield East High School	Brookfield
10	Brookfield Central High School	Brookfield

## **College Readiness**

A College Readiness index ranking was based on schools' Advanced Placement (AP<sup>©</sup>) participation rates and test results (AP<sup>©</sup> scores of 3 or higher).

At New Berlin West, 69% of students took AP exams, with 65% receiving a score of 3 or higher. At New Berlin Eisenhower, 72% of students took AP exams, with 80% receiving a score of 3 or higher. Data was based on 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in the 2012-13 school year.

"We are very proud of AP program because it offers our students opportunities to take rigorous, relevant coursework that aligns to their interests and goals," said Garza. AP is one of many indicators the District uses to assess if students are college ready.

WI Rank College Readiness	High School	Municipality
1	Whitefish Bay High School	Whitefish Bay
2	New Berlin Eisenhower Middle/High School	New Berlin
3	Hudson High School	Hudson
4	Middleton High School	Middleton
5	Carmen High and Technology	Milwaukee
6	New Berlin West Middle/High School	New Berlin
7	Cedarburg High School	Cedarburg
8	Arrowhead High School	Hartland
9	Germantown High School	Germantown
10	Homestead High School	Mequon

Read U.S. News & World Report's full report here: <u>www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools</u>

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