

Washington Post Names Eisenhower, West on “America’s Most Challenging High Schools” List

New Berlin, Wis. – For the fifth year in a row both School District of New Berlin (SDNB) high schools, Eisenhower and West, were recognized by the *Washington Post* as some of the most challenging high schools in the state and nation based on Advanced Placement (AP) test participation.

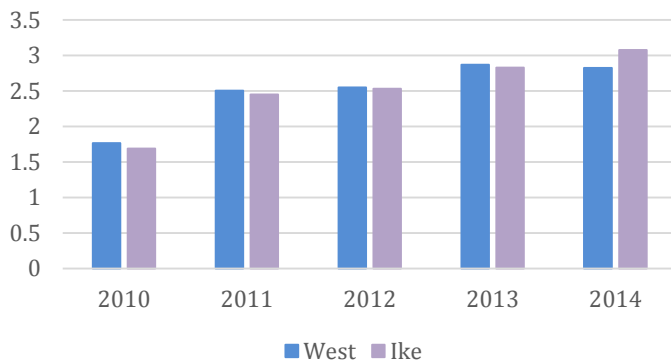
Eisenhower ranked seventh and West tenth in Wisconsin on the 2015 “America’s Most Challenging High Schools” index compiled each year by *Post* reporter Jay Mathews. The Challenge Index is designed to identify schools that have done the best job in encouraging high school students to take college-level courses and tests.

“We encourage all of our students to take a college level course while in high school,” said SDNB Superintendent Joe Garza. “College level coursework prepares students for the rigor they will experience in college and challenges them in subject areas that support their interests and career goals.”

In addition to the District’s 20 AP courses, students have access to Youth Options, Dual Enrollment Academies, and courses the District offers on-site that are taught by college-level partners, Garza said. Youth Options and Dual Enrollment Academies allow students to take courses at post-secondary institutions like Waukesha County Technical College, UW-Milwaukee, Carroll College and the Milwaukee School of Engineering. Garza cites examples of Accounting, Heredity and Calculus 3, all taught by UW-Waukesha, that were recently brought on-site to Ike and West.

“We’ve really grown our college-level offerings over the last few years in order to challenge our students in several subject areas,” Garza said. “We’re always looking at ways we can offer additional opportunities for students.”

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Score - Based on 2014 Data



America’s Most Challenging High Schools ranks schools through an index formula that’s a simple ratio: the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Advanced International Certificate of Education tests given at a school each year, divided by the number of seniors who graduated that year. A ratio of 1.000 means the school had as many tests as graduates.

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High School	Municipality	Wisconsin Rank
Carmen High School of Science & Technology	Milwaukee	1
Reagan IB High	Milwaukee	2
Marshfield	Marshfield	3
Nicolet Union	Glendale	4
Eastbrook Academy	Milwaukee	5
Rufus King	Milwaukee	6
New Berlin Eisenhower	New Berlin	7
Cedarburg	Cedarburg	8
Whitefish Bay	Whitefish Bay	9
New Berlin West	New Berlin	10
Brookfield Central	Brookfield	11
Homestead	Mequon	12
Brookfield East	Brookfield	13
Arrowhead	Hartland	14
Waukesha South	Waukesha	15