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West Climbs to Elite Platinum Level, Eisenhower Maintains Gold in 2025 AP School Honor Roll Recognition

New Berlin - New Berlin West improved on its already impressive Advanced Placement School Honor Roll Recognition status, climbing to Platinum level, while Eisenhower maintained its strong Gold status, the AP program announced.

West was one of only three traditional public high schools in Wisconsin to reach Platinum, while Eisenhower was one of the state's only 11 traditional public high schools to receive Gold honors. Among Waukesha County schools, West and Eisenhower are among only four high schools to achieve Gold or better.

Launched in 2023, the AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access. Schools can earn this recognition annually based on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing college-going culture, providing opportunities for students to earn college credit, and optimizing college readiness.

Of the 426 qualifying schools in Wisconsin, only 4 percent earned Platinum. The other traditional public high schools deemed Platinum, along with West, were Cedarburg and Gibraltar. Similarly, only 4 percent of all high schools achieved Gold; joining Eisenhower among a group of traditional public schools to reach that mark were Arrowhead, Brookfield East, Grafton, Homestead, New Glarus, Nicolet, Prairie Du Chien, Verona, Waunakee and Whitefish Bay.

Only 8 percent of the more than 16,000 eligible schools in the United States and Canada reached the AP Platinum level; only 7 percent reached Gold.

"We are proud to provide students with opportunities that prepare them for college, careers and life," Superintendent Joe Garza said. "This recognition highlights our commitment to expanding access to rigorous college-level coursework and empowering students to earn college credit—opening doors to future success at a capacity essentially unmatched across the state."

Research shows students who take AP courses and exams are more likely to attend college and graduate on time. The students who enter four-year colleges with credit from AP accelerate their path to graduation and build confidence for college success. And even for those who don't earn college credit, AP coursework provides early exposure to college-level work and contributes to a college-going school culture.

"AP gives students an opportunity to engage with college-level work, earn college credit and placement, and build professional career skills they can use no matter what path they choose after high school," said Trevor Packer, head of the national AP program. "Congratulations to this year's AP School Honor Roll recipients for proving it's possible to expand participation in these rigorous courses and still drive strong performance."

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