

Eisenhower, West Among 20 Best Wisconsin High Schools in *U.S. News and World Report's* 2025-2026 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* 2025-2026 rankings.

Eisenhower climbed to third after ranking fifth in five of the previous six years, while West remained in the top 20 for the fourth consecutive year, coming in at 19th.

A total of 464 Wisconsin high schools were ranked by the publication. Among the top-three, Eisenhower is one of only two traditional public high schools (behind only No. 1 overall Whitefish Bay). Three charter schools rank ahead of West, putting it in the top 16 in the state among traditional public high schools.

With rankings of 231st and 967th, both New Berlin schools finished in the top 5.5 percent of the 17,901 nationally ranked schools. Eisenhower is among the top 1.3 percent nationally.

"These rankings are a byproduct of so many factors: our incredible students, staff and families; our focus on college-, career-, and life-readiness; our vast course offerings; and so much more," SDNB Superintendent Joe Garza said. "And just as importantly, our elementary schools do an incredible job of building a strong foundation for our students so when they walk into the doors at Eisenhower and West, they hit the ground running."

"A lot of factors go into this consistent level of high achievement, and we continue to be proud to celebrate the recognition of our hard work."

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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