

Eisenhower, West Among State's, County's Best High Schools, According to *U.S. News and World Report's* 2026-27 Rankings

New Berlin, Wis. – The School District of New Berlin's two high schools' string of impressive rankings by the *U.S. News and World Report* remained intact with another pair of top-20 showings.

Eisenhower was ranked sixth, according to the publication's 2026-27 rankings, making it at least 12 consecutive years of being that high or higher. West climbed to 17th, its highest ranking since 2019 (16th) and the fifth consecutive year in the top 20.

The publication ranked 467 Wisconsin high schools. Eisenhower was the fourth-ranked traditional public high school in Wisconsin, and the highest Waukesha County school. West was the state's 14th-ranked traditional public high school, and the county's fourth-highest.

With rankings of 357th and 784th, both New Berlin schools finished in the top 4.4 percent of the 17,945 nationally ranked schools.

"These rankings are a reflection of the many things we value as a district — our incredible students, dedicated staff and supportive families; our commitment to college, career and life readiness; and the breadth of opportunities we offer," SDNB Superintendent Joe Garza said. "Just as importantly, the strong foundation built in our elementary schools prepares students to thrive during their years at Eisenhower and West. They arrive ready to learn, grow and take advantage of the opportunities ahead."

"There is no single factor behind this sustained level of achievement. It is the result of years of hard work, collaboration and a shared commitment to excellence across our entire school community. We're proud to see that work recognized and, more importantly, proud of what it means for our students."

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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