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School District of New Berlin Elementary Schools Ranked Among State's Best by U.S. News & World Report

New Berlin, Wis. - School District of New Berlin's elementary schools were recognized as being among the state's best, according to U.S. News & World Report 2025 Best Elementary Schools rankings recently released.

Poplar Creek Elementary was ranked 74th, followed by Elmwood Elementary at 126th and Ronald Reagan Elementary at 129th, all among the more than 1,900 elementary schools in Wisconsin that were eligible to be ranked by the publication, and all within the top 7 percent in the state, according to publication. Orchard Lane Elementary (312^a) finished in the top 16 percent.

"The work done at our elementary schools is the foundation on which all else is built upon and the groundwork to ensure our students are college, career and life-ready when they leave our high schools," Superintendent Joe Garza said. "I'm incredibly proud of the efforts of our elementary staff and administrative teams."

Here is how the publication determined its rankings:

For each state, schools were assessed on their pupils' proficiencies in mathematics and reading, as measured by state assessment tests. Half of the ranking formula was the results themselves; the other half was the results in the context of socioeconomic demographics. In other words, the top-ranked schools are high achieving ones that succeeded in educating all of their students.

U.S. News published distinct elementary rankings calculated at the state and district levels, as well as state rankings specific to charter and magnet schools. All data for the rankings are from third-party sources, including the U.S. Department of Education. U.S. News has published numerical rankings for more than 37,000 public elementary schools.

You can learn more about the publication's methodology HERE.

Please note the high school rankings are typically released by the publication in spring.

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