

New Berlin Eisenhower, West Among Wisconsin's Top-Five High Schools in *U.S. News & World Report* Rankings

New Berlin, Wis. - New Berlin Eisenhower and West are among the top high schools in Wisconsin, according to *U.S. News & World Report's* 2016 Best High Schools list released this week.

Eisenhower is ranked fourth and West fifth on the annual list and were two of only five schools in the state to earn the publication's national gold medal, joining Whitefish Bay High School, Reagan College Preparatory High School and Cedarburg High School.

"We are proud of the work we do throughout the district to prepare our students for life beyond our schools," Superintendent Joe Garza said. "Accolades and rankings such as these are a tremendous honor and a true testament to our dedicated staff and our students' commitment to learning."

The *U.S. News & World Report's* rankings methodology is based on the concept that "great high schools must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college bound," according to the publication. Additionally, ranked schools must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show educational successes across a range of performance indicators.

"We help each and every student create academic and career plans so they are all ready for success after high school," Garza said. "We encourage students to participate in our Advanced Placement (AP) program, which includes nearly two-dozen different offerings, and earn college credit while in our schools through rigorous and relevant coursework."

In *U.S. News & World Report's* "college readiness" index rankings, Eisenhower was fifth and West seventh in the state, based on schools' AP participation rates and test results (AP scores of 3 or higher).

The Best High Schools list ranked schools based on their performance on state assessments, how well they prepared students for college, and for the first time this year, graduation rates. Read the full methodology [here](#).

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