

New Berlin Eisenhower, West Make *Washington Post's* 'America's Most Challenging High Schools' List for Sixth Straight Year

New Berlin, Wis. - New Berlin Eisenhower and West have once again been recognized by the *Washington Post* as two of the most challenging high schools in Wisconsin based on Advanced Placement (AP) test participation.

Eisenhower jumped from seventh in 2015 to fourth, and West climbed from 10th a year ago to eighth this spring in the *Post's* 2016 "America's Most Challenging High Schools" index compiled each year by reporter Jay Mathews. The list is designed to identify schools that have done the best job in encouraging high school students to take college-level courses and tests. This is the sixth consecutive year both Eisenhower and West have been ranked by the *Washington Post*.

"There is no question our students have many opportunities that will test them in relevant and rigorous ways during their years at our secondary schools," Superintendent Joe Garza said. "Our 'college in high school' program is growing and includes a robust AP program, Youth Options, Dual Enrollment Academies and more, and many times gives our students a leg up on those not exposed to the same opportunities."

In addition to nearly two-dozen AP courses and Youth Options and Dual Enrollment Academies that allow students to take courses at post-secondary institutions, the SDNB also offers a certified nursing assistant program, engineering-based Project Lead the Way courses and transcribed credit courses.

America's Most Challenging High Schools list is based on an index calculated by taking the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Cambridge tests given at a school and dividing it by the number of graduating seniors. A ratio of 1.000 means the school had as many tests as graduates. Eisenhower's index is 3.102. Only Milwaukee School of Languages (3.447), Carmen High School of Science and Technology (3.400) and Marshfield High School (3.386) are higher. West's index is 2.807.

More info on the Most Challenging High School List can be found [here](#).

High School	Municipality	Wisconsin Rank
Milwaukee School of Languages	Milwaukee	1
Carmen High School of Science and Technology	Milwaukee	2
Marshfield High School	Marshfield	3
New Berlin Eisenhower Middle/High School	New Berlin	4
Cedarburg High School	Cedarburg	5
Brookfield Central High School	Brookfield	6
Homestead High School	Mequon	7
New Berlin West Middle/High School	New Berlin	8
Nicolet High School	Glendale	9
Hudson High School	Hudson	10