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New Paltz High School Ranked Among Nation's Best

NEW PALTZ – New Paltz High School (NPHS) has been named one of the top high schools in America, according to U.S. News & World Report, which recently released its annual report on America's best high schools. U.S. News ranked more than 17,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia, evaluating them on college readiness, reading and math proficiency, reading and math performance, underserved student performance, college curriculum breadth, and graduation rates.

NPHS came in at number 2,257, placing the school in the 87th percentile. New Paltz Central School District Superintendent Maria Rice said the entire school community should be proud of the High School's success.

"While this is not a surprise, it speaks to the hard work and dedication of our staff and students at every level, and is a testament to the strong, focused, and experienced leadership of principal Barbara Clinton," said Rice. "We also know that success at the high school level doesn't happen in a vacuum. The foundation is laid at the elementary schools and continues to strengthen at each level," added Rice.

U.S. News' 2019 ranking methodology measured performance on state math and reading proficiency tests, graduation rates, and college readiness measured by participation in and performance on challenging college-level coursework using Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate examinations.

This is not the first time that NPHS has earned a spot on a prestigious ranking list. Past accomplishments include: a listing on The Daily Beast Top High School's list (which compares schools by graduation and college acceptance rates, as well as their

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academic rigor, and student performance on college admission exams); twice named as a New York State Rewards School (which recognizes schools that demonstrate either high academic achievement or significant progress with minimal gaps in achievement among different student populations); and an impressive 11 time listing by the Washington Post as one of America's Most Challenging High Schools.

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