

CARLISLE HIGH SCHOOL EARNS BRONZE MEDAL IN BEST HIGH SCHOOL RANKING



Carlisle High School has won a Bronze Medal in U.S. News and World Report's annual ranking of America's public high schools. The Best High School rankings identify the country's top-performing public high schools. The goal is to provide a clear picture of how well public schools serve all of their students – from the highest to lowest achieving – in preparing them to demonstrate proficiency in basic skills as well as readiness for college-level work.

CHS principal, Matthew Blackmore called the award a validation of the work being done in the school's classrooms.

"It's an honor to be recognized by U.S. News & World Report," he said. "We're very happy to be recognized for what we are doing at Carlisle High School. Our staff members and students work very hard and it is nice to get the acknowledgment we deserve."

According to U.S. News & World Report, the rankings evaluate more than 20,500 public high schools nationwide to identify those that best serve all of their students – including historically under-served populations. Participating schools are ranked based on their performance on state-required assessments and how well they prepare students for college.

Bryce Amos, District Superintendent said winning a place in the rankings requires PK-12 system effort. "This award is due to the collaboration and systemness of our preschool through high school staff working together to prepare students for academic achievement," he said. "Plus, we have the support of the community and our parents which makes our success a team effort."

U.S. News & World Report uses a four-step process to determine a high school's ranking: First they determine whether each school's students are performing better than is statistically expected for students in that state; Second, they determine whether the historically under-served students –African-American, Hispanic, and low-income – performed at or better than the state average; the third step requires that schools meet or surpass a benchmark for their graduation rate; and lastly, they determine college readiness performance by measuring which schools produced the best college-level achievement for the highest percentages of their students.

Students attending Carlisle High School also have the opportunity to participate in college level classes and earn not only high school credit but college credits as well during their high school years.

The method for identifying the Best High Schools was developed with a core principle in mind: that the best schools must serve all students well and must produce measurable academic outcomes that support this mission. According to U.S. News, the organization's end goal is to inspire ongoing improvements in the education system. "Education drives the country's future," they wrote on their ranking's website, "Recognizing schools that are performing well and providing them as models to other schools will inspire educators and communities to do better." Visit the [US News & World Report School Rankings website](#) for more information about Carlisle High School.