

US NEWS & WORLD REPORT America's Best High Schools

The November 29 issue of *US News & World Report* provided a listing of the publication's first-ever selections for the best public high schools in the country.

The listing included rankings and "medals" to the top contenders out of the more than 18,000 public high schools in the U.S. The 100 schools that did the best in the magazine's analysis were awarded gold medals. The next 405 schools earned silver medals, and more than 1,000 additional schools earned bronze medals.

Using a formula produced in collaboration with School Evaluation Services, a K-12 data research and analysis business run by Standard & Poor's, *USNWR* put high schools in 40* states through a three-step analysis:

- measuring how each school's students performed on state tests, adjusting for student circumstances
- evaluating how well each school's disadvantaged students did
- looking at whether the school was successful in providing college-level coursework

*Alabama, Alaska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming and Washington, D.C., were not included in the 2008 America's Best High Schools analysis because they did not make their 2005-06 school-year state test data available. Mississippi, Montana and Nebraska were excluded because they provided insufficient 2005-06 assessment data to complete the analysis.

The data used was from the 2005-06 school year, and included student performance on math and reading tests, factoring in percentages of economically disadvantaged students; comparing math and reading proficiency rates for disadvantaged students (ethnic minorities and low-income students) to statewide results; and, using Advanced Placement (AP) results, determining how well schools provided access to college-level coursework.

No schools in Kentucky received gold medals, but there were several silver and bronze recipients:

Silver

Beechwood High

Bowling Green High

duPont Manual High (Jefferson Co.)

Highlands High (Ft. Thomas Ind.)

Louisville Male Traditional High (Jefferson Co.)

North Oldham High

Bronze

Barbourville City School

Brown High (Jefferson Co.)

Butler Traditional High (Jefferson Co.)

Eminence High

Graves County High

Harlan High

Jackson City School

Johnson Central High

Lee County High

Monticello High

Murray High

Owensboro High

Paris High

Phelps High (Pike Co.)

Pikeville High

Walton-Verona High

Williamsburg City School

The full article can be seen online here: <http://www.usnews.com/articles/education/high-schools/2007/11/29/americas-best-high-schools.html>. Go to the America's Best High Schools Search [link](#) for details on each school.