

# Ephrata Area School District

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## Ephrata High School Named Among Best US High Schools for Seventh Consecutive Year



Ephrata High School has been recognized as a top high school in the nation and received a silver ranking by US News & World Report.

Based on data obtained from the 2015-2016 school year, Ephrata High School was among 10 of the 22 Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 (IU13) districts acknowledged by US News & World Report. Of the eight IU13 districts, eight received a silver ranking and two received a bronze ranking. This is the seventh consecutive year Ephrata High School has been recognized.

U.S. News & World Report reviewed data on more than 21,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia. Schools were awarded gold, silver, or bronze rankings based on their performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college.

“It is an honor for students and staff to be recognized for their hard work. This is another testament to the type of school community that we have here at Ephrata High School and throughout Ephrata Area School District,” commented Dr. Scott Galen, Ephrata High School Principal.

The first step in the three-step evaluation process determined whether students were performing better than statistically expected based upon the state average. The second step used the same statistical comparison with lesser-advantaged students across Pennsylvania.

Schools that successfully passed the first two evaluations were eligible for the final assessment that compared graduation rates and Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) test data across high school averages nationwide.

“We are grateful to be recognized by US News & World Report for the seventh consecutive year. These types of recognitions are never something we aim for or pay too much attention to. While earning a silver metal on a metric that primarily uses standardized test scores is certainly a positive, we are even more interested in seeing results from the hard work our teachers and staff are currently demonstrating to prepare students to be Life Ready Graduates,” stated Dr. Brian Troop, District Superintendent.

According to U.S. News & World Report, “The comprehensive rankings methodology is based on the key principles that a great high school must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college-bound, and that it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show the school is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators.”

Please visit <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools> for more information about the report.

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