



Woodstock Community Unit School District 200

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WHS, WNHS among state's 'Best High Schools'

Both Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 high schools were named among the top 100 of the Best High Schools in Illinois according to U.S. News and World Report's annual high school rankings.

Woodstock High School was 72nd in this year's rankings, released in April, while Woodstock North High School was ranked 91st, moving up 28 spots since last school year.

Woodstock North Principal Josh Segura credited his staff with making great strides to break into the top 100 schools of the more than 700 ranked by the publication.

"Moving up 28 spots is not a fluke; it is the result of being intentional with our focus and work. Our growth, year-over-year, is an accomplishment to be celebrated," Segura said.

The rankings are based on a number of factors including state standardized student test scores, the number of students taking AP exams among other data including how minority and economically disadvantaged students perform academically. Both schools have graduation rates above 91 percent, which is another factor considered.

WNHS scored an 84.5 out of a possible 100 according to the publications criteria. Some of Woodstock North's highlights include a College Readiness rank of 80 among Illinois high schools noted among other factors by date showing that more than 51 percent of students took at least one Advanced Placement exam during high school.

Overall, Woodstock High School scored an 89.6 out of 100 under the ranking system. Among WHS's notable rankings were ranking 36th in the state in College Readiness and 71st in the Curriculum Breadth Index. According to the data, 60 percent of students took at least one Advanced Placement exam last year.

Justin Smith, District 200 assistant superintendent for middle and high school education, said both schools should be proud of their rankings and that high school staff members are always striving for improvement to ensure that students receive the best education and opportunities possible.