

These 37 N.J. high schools are tops in the nation, U.S. News says

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High Technology High School in Lincroft, New Jersey.

The U.S. News & World Report [rankings of the nation's public high schools](#) came out Tuesday, placing New Jersey's high schools third, behind Massachusetts and Connecticut. Thirty-seven New Jersey schools ranked among the top 5% nationally.

"The rankings evaluate nearly 18,000 public high schools at the national, state, and local level," said Liana Loewus, managing editor of education at U.S. News. "Making data on our high schools available helps parents ensure their child is in the educational environment that best sets them up to thrive."

Schools were ranked based on student scores on state assessments for math, reading, and science, performance by underserved students, college readiness and curriculum breadth, as well as graduation rates.

Middlesex County Academy for Science, Mathematics and Engineering Technologies was rated the top public high school in New Jersey and No. 23 in the United States.

State rankings are based on the proportion of their high schools in the top 25% nationally. Massachusetts had 47.1% of its high schools in the top quarter, Connecticut had 43.9%, and New Jersey had 42.9%.

Last year, only 29 New Jersey schools ranked in the top 5%. The year before, [39 ranked](#) in the top 10%, while this year, 82 did.

Two New Jersey schools appeared among the top five best STEM high schools, focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math: High Technology High School in Lincroft ranked first, and the Academy for Mathematics Science and Engineering in Rockaway ranked third.

These high schools ranked in the top 5% nationally:

37. Northern Highlands Regional High School

Location: Allendale

National Rank: 942

36. Glen Rock High School

Location: Glen Rock

National Rank: 939

35. Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan

Location: Old Tappan

National Rank: 815

34. Madison High School

Location: Madison

National Rank: 797

33. Communications High School

Location: Wall

National Rank: 735

32. Central Jersey Prep Charter School

Location: Somerset

National Rank: 709

31. Haddonfield Memorial High School

Location: Haddonfield

National Rank: 708

30. Union County Tech

Location: Scotch Plains

National Rank: 672

29. John P. Stevens High School

Location: Edison

National Rank: 650

28. Ridgewood High School

Location: Ridgewood

National Rank: 644

27. Science Park High School

Location: Newark

National Rank: 605

26. Tenafly High School

Location: Tenafly

National Rank: 593

25. Montgomery High School

Location: Skillman

National Rank: 592

24. Mountain Lakes High School

Location: Mountain Lakes

National Rank: 577

23. Ridge High School
Location: Basking Ridge

National Rank: 515

22. Princeton High School
Location: Princeton

National Rank: 490

21. Northern Valley Regional High School at Demarest
Location: Demarest

National Rank: 464

20. Chatham High School
Location: Chatham

National Rank: 458

19. Livingston High School
Location: Livingston

#438 in National Rankings

18. Millburn High School
Location: Millburn

National Rank: 418

17. Monmouth County Academy of Allied Health and Science
Location: Neptune

National Rank: 377

16. Summit Senior High School
Location: Summit

National Rank: 363

15. West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South
Location: West Windsor

National Rank: 339

14. West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North
Location: Plainsboro

National Rank: 293

13. Elizabeth High School
Location: Elizabeth

National Rank: 262

12. Glen Ridge High School
Location: Glen Ridge

National Rank: 244

11. Marine Academy of Science and Technology
Location: Highlands

National Rank: 165

10. Academy for Allied Health Sciences

Location: Scotch Plains

National Rank: 146

9. Academy for Information Technology

Location: Scotch Plains

National Rank: 116

8. Bergen County Technical High School - Teterboro

Location: Teterboro

National Rank: 93

7. Biotechnology High School

Location: Freehold

National Rank: 80

6. Middlesex County Academy for Allied Health

Location: Woodbridge

National Rank: 69

5. Dr. Ronald E McNair High School

Location: Jersey City

National Rank: 68

4. High Technology High School

Location: Lincroft

National Rank: 65

3. Bergen County Academies

Location: Hackensack

National Rank: 61

2. Union County Magnet High School

Location: Scotch Plains

National Rank: 49

1. Middlesex County Academy for Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Technologies

Location: Edison

National Rank: 23