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Two for two: Academic Magnet repeats as second-ranked U.S. high school

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U.S. News & World Report gives AMHS #2 national ranking for second year in a row; four CCSD schools make top-25 in state rankings

Charleston, SC —The U.S. News & World Report released their annual [national rankings](#) for the Best High Schools in the country today. For the second year in a row, the national publication named [Academic Magnet High School](#) (AMHS) the second-best high school in the country. This is also the third consecutive year the Raptors made the top two on this prestigious list (the Raptors were recognized as the [top](#) high school in the nation in 2019).

“Congratulations to the entire Raptor community - parents, students, and staff - who give extraordinary commitment and dedication each and every day to create and foster the best in learning environments that result in exceptional achievement,” said AMHS Principal Catherine Spencer. “Your efforts deserve this national recognition and are noted throughout the world!”

The U.S. News Best High Schools rankings include data on more than 24,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia. Nearly 18,000 schools were ranked on six factors: college readiness, math and reading proficiency, math and reading performance, underserved student performance, college curriculum breadth, and graduation rate.

Academic Magnet is the second-best magnet high school in the nation for the second year in a row as well.

Charleston County School District had four schools place in the top-25 of the U.S. News and World Report [rankings for South Carolina](#); Academic Magnet, Charleston County School of the Arts, and Wando High School (in that order) are the top-three for the second year in a row, and James Island Charter High School is number 20 on this year's state list.

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About the Charleston County School District

Charleston County School District (CCSD) is a nationally-accredited school district that is committed to providing equitable and quality educational opportunities for all of its students. CCSD is the second-largest school system in South Carolina and represents a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools spanning 1,300 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 87 schools and specialized programs.

CCSD offers a diverse, expanding portfolio of options and specialized programs, delivered through neighborhood, magnet, IB (international baccalaureate), Montessori, and charter schools. Options include programs in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); music and other creative and performing arts; career and technical preparation programs; and military.