

Woodstock Community Unit School District 200

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WHS among highest ranked area high schools

Woodstock High School was ranked 58th of all Illinois High Schools and is the second ranked public high school in McHenry County, according to the annual U.S. News & World Report Best High Schools rankings.

The 2023-2024 rankings, released on Aug. 29, put Woodstock High School ahead of all McHenry County Schools other than Prairie Ridge High School (52nd) in Crystal Lake School District 155.

Woodstock North High School was ranked 118th on the list and placed within the top 100 Illinois High Schools in College Readiness Index and College Curriculum Breadth Index. A total of 723 Illinois high schools were ranked along with more than 17,000 schools across the nation.

The ranking is the highest that Woodstock High School has ever achieved since U.S. News & World Report began ranking high schools in 2007. If magnet and other schools without set geographic boundaries like those Woodstock High School has were factored out, Woodstock High School would rank well within the top 50 of Illinois public high schools.

"This ranking is really a testament to the hard work that happens every day at WHS and all of District 200," WHS Principal Art Vallicelli said.

"The students and staff at Woodstock High School are exceptional in all that they do. The education and opportunities are second to none. We have our staff to thank for creating them and our students to applaud for making their education and future a priority," he added.

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 and graduation rates.

According to the analysis, Woodstock High School ranked 42nd in Illinois in the College Readiness Index. Woodstock High School students outperformed the state average in reading, math and nearly doubled the state average in science.