

News Release

Dobbs Ferry High School Named New York State “Reward School” for Second Straight Year

Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., September 24, 2013— Dobbs Ferry High School is one of only a dozen high schools in Westchester County named a high-achieving “Reward School” by New York State Education Commissioner John King for the 2013-2014 academic year. According to the New York State Education Department (NYSED), Reward Schools are either schools that have made the most progress or schools that are the highest performing in the state without significant gaps in student achievement among subgroups. Graduation rate is also factored into this measure along with overall performance on the New York State Regents exams.

The NYSED released the list of 359 elementary, middle and high schools (194 districts) throughout the state that have earned Reward School commendations, along with 221 that have been named Priority Schools and 507 Focus Schools. The new accountability designations — Reward, Focus and Priority — were approved by the United States Department of Education in May, 2013 and are based on the percentage of students demonstrating college and career readiness in English/Language Arts and math. Student growth in ELA and math in grades 4-8 are also used to determine the designation of schools and districts.

“We are pleased to have earned this top distinction,” said Dobbs Ferry High School Principal John Falino. “It speaks to our continued commitment to academic excellence and the emphasis that we place on preparing all students with the necessary skills for success beyond high school. We truly have a special school community that supports our educational values and goals.”

Westchester area high schools receiving Reward School status include: Ardsley, Hastings, Irvington, Rye Neck, Briarcliff, Mt. Pleasant, Croton-Harmon, Yorktown and Fox Lane, among others.

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