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FOUR PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS RANKED TOP 20 IN PASSAIC COUNTY

Paterson, NJ (September 12, 2024) - Paterson Public Schools announced that four of its high schools – International High School, Paterson P-Tech High School (formerly School of Earth and Space Science), Rosa L. Parks School of Fine and Performing Arts, and Paterson STEAM High School (formerly School of Health Science) - ranked among the top 20 high schools in Passaic County, according to the latest [U.S. News & World Report rankings](#).

International High School achieved the highest ranking at 9th in the county, followed by P-Tech High School at 14th, Rosa L. Parks School of Fine and Performing Arts at 17th, and STEAM High School at 20th. These rankings reflect the district's ongoing commitment to providing excellent educational opportunities and preparing students for success in higher education and beyond.

“We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication demonstrated by our students, teachers, and administrators,” said Dr. Laurie W. Newell, Superintendent of Paterson Public Schools. “These rankings are a testament to our commitment to educational excellence.”

[U.S. News & World Report](#) evaluates nearly 25,000 public high schools nationwide based on criteria such as the proportion of students passing Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) exams, curriculum breadth, graduation rates, state assessment scores, and performance of Black, Hispanic, and low-income students. The 2024 rankings include nearly 18,000 schools, highlighting those that excel in preparing students for college and career readiness.

“The recognition of our schools as some of the best in Passaic County is a significant accomplishment,” added Dr. Newell. “We will continue to strive for excellence and ensure that all of our students have the support and resources they need to reach their full potential.”

For more information about Paterson Public Schools visit our [website](#).

Sources: U.S. News & World Report; Kelley/NJ Advance Media for NJ.com, 2024.

About Paterson Public Schools

Paterson Public Schools serves over 26,000 students from pre-K to 12th grade in New Jersey's third-largest city. About 68.5% of the student population is Hispanic, 19.4% are Black, 5.8% are Asian, and 4.8% are Caucasian. Recognizing its proud traditions, diverse community, and strong partnerships, the mission of Paterson Public Schools is to provide an academically rigorous, safe, and nurturing educational environment that meets the social, emotional, and academic needs of all students. The district is committed to preparing students for post-secondary education and careers. Despite the Paterson community being classified as low-income, many of its students achieve high academic success. A growing number of elementary school students are reading at or above grade level, and more high school students are earning college credits through Advanced Placement exams and enrolling in college-level courses before

graduation. Paterson Public Schools is distinguished as one of only 17 school districts in New Jersey to offer the competitive International Baccalaureate program and is among just four districts with a P-TECH high school. In collaboration with IBM and Passaic County Community College, allows students to graduate with an associate degree in applied science and valuable tech sector experience. For more information, visit www.paterson.k12.nj.us

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