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Chelsea High School Earns Top National Recognition in Latest *U.S. News & World Report* Best High Schools Rankings

CHELSEA, MI — Chelsea High School (CHS) has once again been recognized as one of the premier public high schools in the state and nation, earning top placement in the latest *U.S. News & World Report* Best High Schools rankings as the 29th ranked public high school in the State of Michigan and 5th ranked in Washtenaw County.

The annual rankings evaluate thousands of public high schools nationwide based on key performance metrics, including college readiness, state assessment proficiency, graduation rates, and Advanced Placement (AP) participation and performance. Chelsea High School stands out across all categories, placing among the top tier of Michigan high schools.

Key Academic Performance Highlights:

- **Top-Tier State Ranking:** CHS consistently places among the top public high schools in Michigan, ranking in the upper 1% statewide.
- **Math & Reading Excellence:** Over **65% of students achieve proficiency in mathematics** and **67% in reading/language arts**, far exceeding the Michigan state averages of 35% and 45%, respectively.
- **Exceptional Graduation Rate:** Chelsea High School maintains a graduation rate of **95% or higher**, placing it in the top 10% across Michigan.
- **College & Career Readiness:** CHS students consistently score well above state benchmarks on the SAT and M-STEP assessments, supported by robust Advanced Placement offerings and vocational program partnerships.

*"Chelsea High School's consistent ranking among the top public high schools in Michigan over the past decade is something we are incredibly proud of. While this recognition is specific to CHS, it reflects the work happening across our entire District, said **Mike Kapolka, Superintendent of the Chelsea School District.***

"From the social, emotional and academic foundation built in our elementary and middle schools to the college readiness, Advanced Placement, CTE, and other opportunities available at CHS, this recognition is a

testament to the quality of education and experiences our entire CSD team works to provide our students each day.”

Chelsea High School Principal Amanda Clor said *“I’m really proud of our students and our teachers, and this recognition is a reflection of what happens when you have a whole community working together. Our teachers work incredibly hard to give our students opportunities to grow and challenge themselves, but they’re also surrounded by people who care about them and want to see them succeed. That includes our staff, our families, and the community as a whole. That support is a big part of what makes Chelsea such a special place. Our students are able to flourish not only because of their hard work and dedication, but also because they know there are people here who believe in them, support them, and are willing to help them along the way.”*

U.S. News & World Report determines its rankings by evaluating six primary factors: College Readiness (30%), State Assessment Proficiency (20%), State Assessment Performance (20%), Underserved Student Performance (10%), College Curriculum Breadth (10%), and Graduation Rate (10%).

With a student-to-teacher ratio of 16:1 and an enrollment of 749 students in grades 9–12, Chelsea High School combines a close-knit community environment with academic and athletic opportunities rivaling much larger districts.

Congratulations again to all of our students and staff on this positive accomplishment not only for Chelsea High School, but for the entire Chelsea School District. For more information about Chelsea High School and its academic programs, visit www.chelseaschools.org.

About Chelsea High School

Located in Chelsea, Michigan, Chelsea High School is a comprehensive 9–12 public high school within the Chelsea School District. Dedicated to academic excellence, athletic success, and community engagement, CHS prepares students for post-secondary education, military service, and career achievement through a rigorous curriculum, extensive AP offerings, and vibrant extracurricular programs.

About *U.S. News & World Report*

U.S. News & World Report is a global authority in education rankings and consumer advice. Its annual Best High Schools rankings analyze public high schools across all 50 states and the District of Columbia to help parents and students identify top-performing academic institutions.