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U.S. News & World Report ranks BCPS high schools among best in state and nation

Eastern Tech, Western Tech, Carver Center among top 5 Md. magnets

Towson, MD – Baltimore County's public high schools placed well in the annual U.S. News & World Report's Best High Schools list released today, with five placing among the top 30 high schools in the state, 10 among the top 150, three among the state's top five magnet schools, and two among the nation's best magnet schools.

Eastern Technical High School and Western School of Technology and Environmental Science led the way for Baltimore County Public Schools, ranking second and 11th respectively among high schools in Maryland and second and third respectively among the state's magnet schools. George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology came in 15th on the state's best high school list and fifth among all magnet schools in Maryland. Eastern was ranked 42nd on the national list of magnet schools, while Western was ranked 87th.

Six Baltimore County public high schools ranked among the top 60 in Maryland. They are Dulaney High School, Eastern Tech, Carver Center, Hereford High School, Towson High School, and Western Tech. Eastern was named the Baltimore Metro region's top high school.

"Once again, Baltimore County can be proud of the achievements and high quality of the students and staff of our high schools," said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Myriam Rogers (Yarbrough). "We can celebrate these results, but we can do better. I am committed to ensuring that all our students can attend and learn and grow at schools that not only compare well but that are the best in Maryland and the nation." The BCPS high schools that received rankings on the U.S. News & World report are:

- Eastern Technical High #2 in Maryland, #42 nationally in magnet rankings
- Western Tech #11 in Maryland, #87 nationally in magnet rankings
- Carver Center #15 in Maryland, #109 nationally in magnet rankings
- Hereford High #23 in Maryland
- Towson High #29 in Maryland, #178 nationally in magnet rankings
- Dulaney High #52 in Maryland
- Franklin High #107 in Maryland
- Pikesville High #112 in Maryland
- Catonsville High #122 in Maryland
- Perry Hall High -- #148 in Maryland
- Loch Raven High #153 in Maryland
- Sparrows Point High #159 in Maryland

The U.S. News rankings include data on nearly 25,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia. Rankings are based on college readiness (30 percent), state assessment proficiency (20 percent), state assessment performance (20 percent), underserved student performance (10 percent), college curriculum breadth (10 percent), and graduation rate (10 percent). Factored into the rankings were participation and achievement in Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses.

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