

Milwaukee Public Schools

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Three Milwaukee Public Schools on best list *Schools among 58 in state recognized by U.S. News & World Report*

Three Milwaukee Public Schools are among the 58 in Wisconsin recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as America's Best High Schools of 2009. The schools and their award categories are Rufus King International Baccalaureate High School – Silver; Ronald Reagan College Preparatory High School – Bronze; and Veritas High School – Bronze. None of the 58 Wisconsin schools placed in the gold category.



U.S. News & World Report—in collaboration with School Evaluation Services, a K-12 education and data research and analysis business that provides parents with education data on schoolmatters.com—analyzed academic and enrollment data from more than 21,000 public high schools to find the ones they determined to be the very best in this country. The top schools were placed into gold, silver, bronze, or honorable mention categories.

U.S. News & World Report analyzed 21,069 public high schools in 48 states using data from the 2006-2007 school year. The list indicates public high schools in each state that had grade-12 enrollment and sufficient data to analyze primarily for the 2006-2007 school year. A three-step process determined the best high schools. The first two steps ensured that the schools serve all their students well, using state proficiency standards as the measuring benchmarks. For those schools that made it past the first two steps, a third step assessed the degree to which schools prepare students for college-level work. The complete online article can be found at <http://www.usnews.com/sections/education/high-schools/>

MPS is Wisconsin's largest public school district, serving 85,000 students in 213 schools. District achievement is guided by its *Working Together, Achieving More* strategic plan. For additional information, contact Roseann St. Aubin, MPS Communications Director, at (414) 475-8237.

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