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Ripon High School Nationally Ranked by US News & World Report

RIPON, Wis. — The Ripon Area School District is pleased to announce that Ripon High School (RHS) has earned the national Best High Schools distinction by US News & World Report for the 2023-2024 school year. RHS is ranked #181 out of 574 high schools in the state and nationally at #5,926 out of approximately 17,680 public high schools.

The US News explains that state rankings are based on students having the opportunity to take Advanced Placement (AP) coursework and exams. The AP participation rate at Ripon High School is 27%. Other related criteria is Ripon's minority enrollment at 14% and 25% of students who are economically disadvantaged. National rankings are based on a school's performance on state-required tests, graduation, and how well students are prepared for college.

In the 2022-2023 school year, 24.5% of Ripon High School students earned college credits. Ripon High School Principal Bill Kinziger commented, "In the last couple of years, we have increased the percentage of students taking AP courses as seniors to 53% and those in Youth Apprenticeships to nearly 40%. Although not everyone takes the exam, our students are exposed to higher-level learning opportunities. This award indicates where we have moved our priorities as a school. Our staff, students, Board, and community deserve kudos for this recognition."

According to US News, a great high school educates all students from different social and economic backgrounds, exposing them to challenging coursework on the path to graduation.

The highest-ranked U.S. public schools in U.S. News & World Report's 2023-2024 [Best High Schools](#) rankings are those whose students demonstrated outstanding outcomes above expectations in math, reading, and science state assessments, earned qualifying scores in an array of college-level exams and graduated in high proportions.

U.S. News has published an in-depth [methodology article](#) that provides more information about the rankings and how they were calculated. The official rankings can be found on the US News and World website at:

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/wisconsin/districts/ripon-area-school-district/ripon-high-school-21871>

Ripon Superintendent Mary Whitrock shared, “These distinctions celebrate the continuous improvement efforts of our dedicated staff in each of Ripon’s schools. The Ripon School Board and leadership team are so proud of and thankful for our students, staff, and families for their commitment to raising achievement. This commitment ensures our children in Ripon have the best education we can possibly provide.”

Any comments or questions, please contact Dr. Mary Whitrock at (920) 748-4600.

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