



# Pelham Union Free School District

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## **PMHS Ranked Highly by U.S. News & World Report, The Washington Post**

Pelham Memorial High School recently received notice that the school was ranked highly by two renowned news organizations, U.S. News and World Report and The Washington Post.

According to the U.S. News and World Report, PMHS ranked as the 47<sup>th</sup> best high school in New York State and 388<sup>th</sup> best in the country. The Washington Post ranked PMHS as the 21<sup>st</sup> most challenging high school in the state and 375<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

The 2017 U.S. News and World Report rankings, which also put PMHS as the 138<sup>th</sup> best STEM high school, rate schools based on a variety of factors, including graduation rate, college readiness, student performance on AP exams, and proficiency in math and English. The rankings show an improvement for PMHS when compared to the 2016 rankings, in which PMHS was 56<sup>th</sup> in New York State and 471<sup>st</sup> in the nation.

"It is encouraging to see that our high school once again was named as one of the best in our state and country," said PMHS Principal Jeannine Clark. "Accolades such as this are just one way in which we measure the success of our programming, but are helpful in showing how PMHS compares with our peers. I would like to congratulate our teachers and staff for helping to earn this high ranking and thank them for their hard work and dedication to our students. We are also very fortunate to have ambitious students who come to class prepared to learn and are constantly striving for excellence."

The annual Washington Post rankings rate schools using an index formula that factors in the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Advanced International Certificate of Education tests given at a school each year, divided by the number of graduating seniors. The 2017 ranking continues a trend of improvement for PMHS, which ranked 394<sup>th</sup> in the country in 2016 and in 612<sup>th</sup> in 2014.

"While rankings such as these are affirming of our work, they are only one external measure, that said, it is gratifying to see that our high school continues to be named among the best in the country and state," said Superintendent Dr. Peter Giarrizzo. "We have worked hard as a District to provide a high-quality education for our students and to open access to a rigorous and rewarding coursework for our students. Our staff and students deserve praise for their hard work and tremendous achievement."

For the full U.S. News and World Report Rankings, please visit  
<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/rankings-overview>

For the full Washington Post Rankings, please visit  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/local/high-school-challenge-2017/>

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