



Best High Schools

Waunakee High School earned high National and metro-area rankings in 2025-2026 Best High Schools, which U.S. News released this morning. Here is your school's updated U.S. News profile page, with details about its rankings: <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/wisconsin/districts/waunakee-community-school-district/waunakee-high-school-21950>.

By earning a national ranking in the top 40%, **Waunakee High School** achieved status as a U.S. News Best High School and gained eligibility to display a U.S. News-trademarked 2025-2026 Best High Schools award "badge" (logo).

Promoting your award

U.S. News-trademarked badges are offered so that eligible high schools can promote and celebrate their high rankings. Only "Best" high schools may use an official U.S. News Best High Schools badge. Hundreds of award-winning schools have displayed these badges to enhance school spirit and to maintain attendance levels that are often crucial to obtaining adequate state funding.

Permission to use the trademarked badge in any medium must be obtained from **BrandConnex**, U.S. News' promotional agent.

BrandConnex has created a [convenient online store](#) where highly ranked schools can purchase customized plaques and banners featuring the badge. You can also buy a license that provides permission to display the badge on your school's website, social media, emails, signage, apparel, video and a variety of other locations. Purchase of a badge license or promotional materials will not affect current or future rankings or badge eligibility.



About 2025-2026 Best High Schools

- The [2025-2026 edition of Best High Schools](#) includes a numerical ranking of nearly all public high schools nationwide – almost 18,000 of them – based on multiple sources of objective data.
- There are rankings within each state and within each census-designated metropolitan area that has three or more public high schools, as well as the [Best STEM Schools](#) ranking and comprehensive [Best Charter Schools](#) rankings.
- Includes rankings of high schools within each school district that has three or more public high schools.
- Your school's U.S. News profile page includes information on enrollment, graduation rates, student body demographics, location, school type, state assessments results and Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate tests.
- Best High Schools rankings, available online only, are produced with RTI International, a global research firm. U.S. News doesn't collect data directly from high schools; all data comes directly from official third-party sources.
- AP and IB data come directly from the College Board and International Baccalaureate, for use in the rankings.
- The state assessment data and graduation rates are from each state, and other data comes from the U.S. Department of Education Common Core of Data.
- To see changes and updates to this year's rankings methodology, follow [Behind the Numbers](#) and see the [methodology page](#).

Contact Information

- Methodology, rankings or data questions: official@usnews.com
- Media/PR inquiries: Education-PR@usnews.com

- Badge usage questions: schoolrankings@usnews.com

Sincerely,

Mark W. White
Vice President
U.S. News & World Report
mwhite@usnews.com

[Unsubscribe from this email list](#) | [Manage my email preferences](#) | [Privacy Policy](#)

1255 23rd St. NW, Washington, DC 20037 USA



Trouble seeing this email? [View it on a web page.](#)