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## **Washington High School Receives National Recognition for Commitment to Empowering Students**

*Named a distinguished school for STEM and career learning program*

**[Princess Anne, Maryland]** Washington High School announced today that it has been recognized as a Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished School for providing broad access to transformative learning opportunities for students through PLTW Biomedical Science. It is one of just 133 high schools across the U.S. to receive this honor. [PLTW](#) is a nonprofit organization that serves millions of K-12 students and teachers in over 10,500 schools across the U.S.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. John B. Gaddis said, "This is just another example of an exemplary program that is established in our school system and specifically at Washington High School. Our instructor, Mrs. Taylor, has done an incredible job building relationships and providing students with a structured, high expectation environment. She is exemplar in her methodology and truly makes a difference every single day in the lives of our students in preparing them for life beyond high school."

The PLTW Distinguished School recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs. To be eligible for the designation, Washington High School had to meet the following criteria:

- Offer at least three PLTW courses;
- Have 25 percent of students or more participate in PLTW courses, or of those who participated in PLTW, at least 33 percent took two or more PLTW courses;
- Have 70 percent of students or more earn a Proficient or higher on PLTW End-of-Course Assessments, or 10 percent of students earn the [AP + PLTW Student Achievement](#).

Through PLTW programs, students develop STEM knowledge as well as in-demand, transportable skills that they will use both in school and for the rest of their lives, on any career path they take. "It is a great honor to recognize Washington High School for their commitment to students," said Vince Bertram, President and CEO of PLTW. "They are a model for what

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school should look like, and they should be very proud of ensuring students have the knowledge and skills to be career ready and successful on any career path they choose.”

Washington High School is part of a community of K-12 schools, colleges and universities, and corporate and philanthropic partners across the country united around a passion for providing students with inspiring, engaging, and empowering learning opportunities. For more information about PLTW’s recognition program, visit [pltw.org/our-programs/program-recognition](http://pltw.org/our-programs/program-recognition).

For more information on Washington High School PLTW program or to set up a school visit, contact Leo Lawson at 443-783-3466

### **About PLTW**

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is a nonprofit organization that provides a transformative learning experience for K-12 students and teachers across the U.S. PLTW empowers students to develop in-demand, transportable knowledge and skills through pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science. PLTW’s teacher training and resources support teachers as they engage their students in real-world learning. More than 10,500 elementary, middle, and high schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia offer PLTW programs. For more information on Project Lead the Way, [visit pltw.org](http://visit.pltw.org).

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## **Appendix**

### **PLTW Biomedical Science**

PLTW Biomedical Science™ introduces high school students to medicine and human body systems, as well as the wide array of biomedical science careers. Throughout the program, students take on the same real-world challenges as biomedical science professionals, preparing them for careers in medical and health-related fields.

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