

District High Schools Among Best in the Nation

US News & World Report releases "America's Best High Schools" report

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Danville – *US News & World Report* recently released its annual "America's Best High Schools" report, and the three eligible high schools in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District all received "Silver" status.

In the analysis of over 21,000 public high schools, **California High School, Monte Vista High School and San Ramon Valley High School**, were all awarded Silver status, placing them in the top 560 schools* in the nation. Dougherty Valley High School, the district's newest comprehensive high school, has not had a graduating class and therefore was ineligible).

The 2010 report, posted December 2009 (primarily data from the 2007-08 school year) is based on results from a study in collaboration with "School Evaluation Services," a K-12 education and data research and analysis firm. Top schools are placed into gold, silver, bronze or honorable mention categories (approx. 1,800 awards given).

The report is based on the key principles that a great high school must serve all its students well, not just those who are college bound, and that it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show the school is successfully educating its student body across a range of indicators. The first steps looked at state-wide results of student academic performance (primarily in reading and math), and also if the school's disadvantaged students were faring better than the state average for similar students. The final step measured which schools produced the best college-level achievement for the highest percentages of their students.

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