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West Covina Unified High Schools Place in Top 16 Percent in 2020 Best High Schools List

WEST COVINA, CA – Edgewood and West Covina high schools have been ranked in the top 16 percent of schools in the nation by U.S. News and World Report, recognizing strong student achievement in their International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) programs.

Edgewood High and West Covina High earned scores of 90.41 and 84.32, respectively, earning high rankings among approximately 2,600 high schools in California. Edgewood High maintained its strong ranking from 2019 and West Covina High boosted its score by more than 3.5 points. Each school's score correlates to its percentile position in the 2020 Best High Schools rankings.

"Every West Covina Unified school fosters a culture of high achievement, encouraging students to challenge themselves as they prepare for the demands of college and career," WCUSD Superintendent Dr. Charles D. Hinman said. "These rankings are a reflection of the hard work of our students and the world-class instruction and support provided by our teachers and staff."

As the District's AP flagship school, West Covina High School has fostered a strong college-going culture. West Covina High offers 27 AP courses, including music theory, Mandarin, computer science and the AP Capstone diploma program.

The school's success in improving access to AP courses and increasing the number of tests also garnered recognition from the College Board, earning West Covina Unified a spot on the 2019 AP District Honor Roll.

Edgewood High is part of the International World Schools of West Covina, which offers a [TK-12 IB continuum](#). The rigorous, globally focused course of study culminates with Edgewood's IB Diploma Programme, which can lead to advanced college standing, course credit, scholarships and other college admissions benefits.

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All of Edgewood's Diploma Programme candidates have been accepted into four-year universities.

Edgewood will also offer the IB Career-related Programme in 2020-21, providing career-focused learning that fosters transferable and lifelong skills in applied knowledge, critical thinking, communication and cross-cultural engagement.

Students at both high schools also benefit from an array of career technical education pathways, which provide students with academic and technical skills, knowledge and training necessary to succeed in a number of professional fields.

U.S. News evaluated more than 17,000 public high schools across the country and ranked them from top to bottom, both nationally and at the state level.

Following methodology revamped in 2019, U.S. News used six ranking factors to measure academic quality, including college readiness, college curriculum, math and reading proficiency and performance, underserved student performance, and graduation rate.

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