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West Covina Unified High Schools Place in Top 20 Percent in 2019 Best High Schools List

WEST COVINA, CA – Edgewood and West Covina high schools have been ranked in the top 20 percent of schools in the nation by U.S. News and World Report, recognizing their successful International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) programs.

Edgewood High and West Covina High earned scores of 90.5 and 80.72, respectively, earning them high rankings among the nearly 2,500 high schools in California. Each school's score correlates to its percentile position on the 2019 Best High Schools survey.

West Covina Unified was recently named a 2019 AP District Honor Roll by the College Board. West Covina High, the District's AP flagship school, offers 27 courses, including music theory, Mandarin and computer science.

Edgewood High is part of the International World Schools of West Covina, which offers <u>TK-12 IB</u> <u>instruction</u>. All of Edgewood's Diploma Programme candidates have been accepted into fouryear universities.

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

Revamping its methodology, 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.

"West Covina Unified creates a culture of high expectations that encourages our students to challenge themselves, as they prepare for the careers of the future," WCUSD Board President Daniel C. Monarrez said. "We could not do this without the world-class instruction that West Covina community members have come to expect."

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