



# Bonita Unified

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Bonita Unified High Schools Recognized for Excellence in 2022 'Best High Schools' Rankings

**SAN DIMAS/LA VERNE** – Bonita Unified School District's culture of excellence – which includes strong academic performance, high graduation rates and robust college readiness efforts – have earned its two comprehensive high schools a place among the top-performing public high schools in the state and country, according to the 2022 [Best High Schools rankings](#) by U.S. News & World Report.

Bonita and San Dimas high schools both earned high rankings among approximately 1,603 high schools in California. Bonita High was ranked in the top nine percent of schools and boasts a 98 percent graduation rate; San Dimas High was listed among the top 15 percent of schools, and has achieved a graduation rate of 97 percent.

"We are thrilled to see both of our comprehensive high schools ranked yet again among the top-performing public high schools in the state and country," Bonita Unified Superintendent Carl Coles said. "This recognition is a testament to the excellence of our students and the dedication of our teachers and staff in preparing our students to live their purpose."

U.S. News evaluated more than 17,800 public high schools across the United States and ranked them at the national, state and local level. The methodology used to determine the rankings focuses on six factors: college readiness, proficiency and performance in math and reading, underserved student performance, college curriculum breadth and graduation rates.

The methodology was adjusted to account for the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the U.S. Department of Education granting waivers allowing all states to forego testing in the 2019-20 school year. U.S. News relied on historic assessment data from the three prior ranking years, and incorporated state science assessment data – where available – from the 2018-19 year to capture a broader measure of learning. Each school received an overall score that correlates to its percentile position in the 2022 Best High School rankings.

Bonita Unified School District offers an array of college-prep and career technical education programs that provide students the opportunity to earn college credit and gain professional experience to jumpstart their careers. The District offers upwards of 20 Advanced Placement courses, as well as 21 CTE pathways that include culinary arts, automotive technology, patient care and more.

"Congratulations to Bonita High School and San Dimas High School on their inclusion in the 2022 Best High Schools rankings," Bonita Unified Board of Education President Derek Bahmanou said. "We are proud to have two outstanding high schools that equip students with the knowledge, skills and resources for lifelong academic and professional success."



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