

Elkton High School on “Best High School” List

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U.S. News and World Report has released its annual report identifying the best high schools in the nation for 2009. Once again, Elkton High School is on that list. In fact, Elkton is the 13th smallest school in the United States to receive a bronze or better rating.

In order to come up with its ranking, *U.S. News and World Report* employs a three step methodology to analyze schools. Using statewide test scores, the first two steps of the process identify schools that are meeting the educational needs of their students. The scores for all students, including those students labeled as “disadvantaged” are assessed. The final step judges schools based on their college-readiness performance. Nationwide, nearly 20,000 schools were analyzed in 48 states and less than 10% were classified as the best high schools in the United States.

In Oregon, of the 283 high schools were evaluated, none qualified for gold, 9 were classified as silver, and 24 scored a bronze or honorable mention rating. *U.S. News and World Report* ranked Elkton as a bronze high school.

For me, it is not just about the numbers. I know that the school, the staff, the children, the parents, and even the community all come together to make Elkton a very special place. What is gratifying about this report is that it allows others to realize the quality of education at Elkton Schools.