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SEVEN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS
MAKE NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE’S LIST OF
“AMERICA’S BEST HIGH SCHOOLS”

Seven Prince George's County public high schools are among 98 Maryland schools which helped the state reach the highest ranking in the nation in the percentage of high schools offering – and students taking – college-level courses.

*Newsweek* magazine’s annual “America’s Top High Schools” issue lists Maryland’s high schools among its top 1,622 schools – the top six percent in the nation. With 185 public high schools, more than half – 53 percent – made the list that was released this week.

High schools from 15 different Maryland counties made the *Newsweek* list. In Prince George's County, Eleanor Roosevelt, Oxon Hill, Bowie, Laurel, High Point, Central, and Parkdale high schools were recognized.

Two of these high schools – High Point and Central – have gone through the Alternative Governance process, which requires these schools to select an alternative governance structure after having completed a comprehensive analysis of the total school’s teaching and learning environment.

“This is great news for Prince George’s County Public Schools,” said Dr. William R. Hite, Jr., Superintendent of Schools. “This recognition shows that our students are some of the best and brightest in the nation. I want to congratulate our students, teachers, and staff who have worked hard this year to improve student achievement.”

The *Newsweek* list is based upon the Challenge Index, developed by the *Washington Post*. The Challenge Index is based on student enrollment in Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Cambridge courses and tests, which have been shown to be good preparation for higher education. Many colleges and universities give credit for success on the rigorous end-of-course exams attached to the courses.