

## Five high schools in region tops in NY

### 'U.S. News' ranks them among best 500 in nation

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Five Rochester-area high schools are among the top high schools in New York and the top 500 schools in the country, according to the *U.S. News and World Report's* annual report.

Leading the pack are Pittsford Mendon and Pittsford Sutherland high schools, which were ranked 14th and 22nd in New York (and 86th and 165th nationally), respectively, according to the annual report. The others:

- » Brighton High School ranked 40th in New York (297th nationally).
- » Honeoye Falls-Lima Senior High School was 44th in New York (360th nationally).
- » Webster Thomas High School was 51st in New York (427th nationally).

Four schools in Arizona placed in the top five spots in the publication's much-watched rankings of the nation's high schools. The top 10 spots in New York were all awarded to New York City Public Schools, according to the report.

*U.S. News* assesses several factors to determine the schools' placements, including enrollment, graduation rates, diversity, participation in free and reduced-price lunch programs, and the results of state assessments and Advanced Placement exams.

This year, the magazine changed the way it factors AP exams to better reflect schools that are preparing students for college. The measure includes giving more weight to schools where students participate — and pass — a variety of college-level courses and exams.

*U.S. News* awards schools gold, silver and bronze medals, with gold indicating the top level of college readiness and reserved for the top 500 schools in the country. The highest percentage of eligible schools that received gold and silver medals were in Maryland, Florida and California. The publication considered 20,487 eligible schools in the U.S., including 1,270 eligible schools in New York.

"We are tremendously proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff," said Michael Pero, superintendent of the Pittsford Central School District. "We are grateful for the support of our community and their collaboration in all we do."

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