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Wayne Hills and Wayne Valley Ranked Among the Very Best High Schools

(WAYNE,NJ)—The Wayne Township Public Schools are proud to announce that both Wayne Hills and Wayne Valley were recently ranked among the top 500 high schools in the United States by *Newsweek*. Wayne Hills was ranked at 222 while Wayne Valley was ranked at 417. The ranking represents the performance of the school in terms of preparing students for college.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mark Toback noted “School performance statistics at the high school level are a culmination of prior educational programs and school experiences. This recognition from *Newsweek* is a tribute to the excellent work of our students and staff at all grade levels. Both Wayne Hills and Wayne Valley are regular recipients of recognition from a variety of national publications and this recent recognition by *Newsweek* is yet another example. It is with great pride that we join our residents in celebrating the addition of a new chapter in a long history of achievement at both of our high schools.”

Wayne Hills Principal, Maureen Weir shared that Wayne Hills moved up the *Newsweek* rankings by 37 places when compared to the prior year. She commented “Our students' success at the high school level can be attributed to not only our outstanding faculty here, but also to the elementary and middle school educators who taught our students along the way; also, the supportive families that value education and entrust their children to our schools and work to help make our accomplishments possible. We are very proud of our achievement.”

Wayne Valley Principal, Ken Palczewski added “We are proud to be recognized by such a prestigious publication as *Newsweek* for the varied accomplishments of our student body and staff. Being awarded this honor reflects the significance that the Wayne community places on our student's education.”

Newsweek has a long history of ranking high schools from across the United States based on key performance statistics. *Newsweek* looked at six measurements and weighted them to create a “college readiness index.” The rankings are meant to show how well high schools do at preparing students for college.

Those measurements and their weights are:

- Holding power: 10 percent
- Ratio of counselor/full-time equivalent to student enrollment: 10 percent
- Weighted SAT/ACT: 17.5 percent
- Weighted AP/IB/dual enrollment composite: 17.5 percent
- Graduation rate: 20 percent
- College enrollment rate: 25 percent

For the full rankings from *Newsweek*, navigate to:

<http://www.newsweek.com/high-schools/americas-top-high-schools-2016>

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