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**32 HISD high schools among America’s most challenging**

Thirty-two of Houston ISD’s high schools are on the prestigious Washington Post’s list of America’s Most Challenging High Schools. The rankings of 2,050 most rigorous high schools nationwide were released this week.

The annual rankings are based on the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Advanced International Certificate of Education tests given at a school each year divided by the number of seniors who graduated that year.  
  
HISD’s strong showing in the Washington Post rankings are the result of several initiatives that aim to increase rigor at district’s schools. Within the last few years, the district has made efforts to improve the quality of teachers in every classroom, expanded access to college-level Advanced Placement courses at every HISD high school and waived the AP exam fees for all students in those courses.  
  
HISD high schools that made the Washington Post list include (with ranking):

11. [Carnegie Vanguard High School](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fsite%2fdefault.aspx%3fdomainid%3d22629)  
32. [Energized for STEM](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.e-stemacademy.org%2f)  
51. [High School for Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fDomain%2f25)  
94. [Challenge Early College](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fsite%2fdefault.aspx%3fdomainid%3d22641)  
123. [DeBakey High School for Health Professions](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fsite%2fdefault.aspx%3fdomainid%3d20)  
167. [Eastwood Academy](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fDomain%2f11083)  
180. [Lamar High School](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fsite%2fdefault.aspx%3fdomainid%3d11085)  
185. [High School for the Performing and Visual Arts](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fhspvarts)  
251. [Houston Academy for International Studies](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fsite%2fdefault.aspx%3fdomainid%3d13578)  
253. [Bellaire High School](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fbellairehigh)  
457. [Sharpstown High School](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fsite%2fdefault.aspx%3fdomainid%3d35)  
506. [East Early College](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fsite%2fdefault.aspx%3fdomainid%3d11091)  
508. [Westside High School](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fDomain%2f13644)  
538. [Sharpstown International](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fDomain%2f2118)  
722. [Westbury High School](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fsite%2fdefault.aspx%3fdomainid%3d8388)  
787. [Furr High School](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2ffurrhigh)  
843. [Reagan High School](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2freaganhigh)  
885. [North Houston Early College](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fDomain%2f8382)  
902. [Davis High School](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fdavishigh)  
912. [Sam Houston Math, Science and Technology Center](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fsamhouston)  
918. [Chavez High School](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fsite%2fdefault.aspx%3fdomainid%3d22335)  
1046. [Waltrip High School](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fwaltrip)  
1155. [Lee High School](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2flee)  
1255. [Washington High School](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fDomain%2f16378)  
1534. [Mt. Carmel Academy](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.mtcarmelacademy.net%2f)  
1627. [Jordan High School](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fDomain%2f8374)  
1633. [Jones High School](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fDomain%2f1880)  
1702. [Milby High School](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fmilby)  
1714. [Madison High School](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fmadison)  
1902. [Wheatley High School](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fwheatley)  
1977. [Austin High School](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fsite%2fdefault.aspx%3fdomainid%3d17638)  
2026. [Worthing High School](https://mail.houstonisd.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=BeoTgErgik2wl0e20YPGrTDaRnKOTNFInTwoDGh0BSLj-oDuwb05GttD5rCttcilpeXXQwzj7d8.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fhoustonisd.org%2fworthing)

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