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## **HISD schools earn high marks in annual rankings by U.S. News & World Report**

*May 12, 2021* – U.S. World News & World Report released its 2021 Best Public High School rankings, and several Houston Independent School District schools made the list.

Four HISD schools are among the top 100 schools in the country: Carnegie Vanguard High School ranks at number 42, DeBakey High School for Health Professions at number 46, Challenge Early College High School at number 89, and Young Women's College Preparatory Academy at number 97.

"Being recognized as among the best in the nation is a testament to the dedication and commitment of our teachers and their incredible work with our students," said HISD Interim Superintendent Dr. Grenita Lathan. "During a year that we faced many challenges and adapted to how we teach and learn, HISD showed how to still offer a top-notch education to children from different social and economic backgrounds ensuring a path to graduation."

Eight HISD schools are among the top 10 in the Houston metro area: Carnegie Vanguard High School, DeBakey High School for Health Professions, Challenge Early College High School, Young Women's College Preparatory Academy, Eastwood Academy High School, Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, North Houston Early College High School, and East Early College High School.

U.S. News focused on six factors in evaluating public high schools: college readiness, reading and math proficiency, reading and math performance, underserved student performance, college curriculum breadth, and graduation rates.

View the full list of high school rankings in the Houston-metro area [here](#).

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The Houston Independent School District is the largest school district in Texas and the seventh-largest in the United States, with 280 schools and more than 209,772 students. The 333-square-mile district is one of the largest employers in the Houston metropolitan area, with more than 27,000 employees.

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