

Press Release

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Re: Best High School Awards

The Washington Post recently designated South Sumter High School as one of the nation's most challenging high schools. South Sumter High School earned this prestigious designation based on the number of Advanced Placement (AP) tests given at the school each year divided by the total number of seniors who graduated. A ratio of 1.0 means the school had as many tests as seniors who graduated. South Sumter High had a ratio of 1.586 and ranked 268 in the nation. More information can be found at <http://apps.washingtonpost.com/local/highschoolchallenge/schools/2015/list/florida-schools/south-sumter-bushnell-fl/>

South Sumter High School and the Villages Charter High School were recently identified as two of the Nation's Best High Schools and received a Bronze and Silver designations respectively by U.S. News and World Report. To produce the 2015 Best High Schools rankings, U.S. News & World Report teamed with North Carolina-based RTI International, a global nonprofit social science research firm. A comprehensive rankings methodology was implemented. The methodology is based on these key principles: that a great high school must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college bound, and that it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show it is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators. South Sumter High and the Villages Charter High School were two of 205 Florida schools that made the Best Schools list.

The following links lead to more information.

<http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/florida/districts/sumter-county-school-district/south-sumter-high-school-5610>

<http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/florida/districts/sumter-county-school-district/villages-charter-school-5612>

