

North Texas schools make U.S. News' top 100 public high schools list

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Two [Dallas ISD](#) magnet schools are ranked at the top of the latest [U.S. News](#) rankings of what it says are the best public high schools in the nation. The rankings were released today.

The School for the Talented and Gifted was ranked as the best public school in the United States. The School of Science and Engineering Magnet was ranked third.

Several other North Texas schools were ranked in the top 100. They include: Westlake Academy at 23, Peak Preparatory at 66 and Highland Park at 92.

The [US News](#) rankings start by measuring how students at each school performed on their statewide standardized tests and compared those scores with expectations. So a school with a high percentage of poor students, who tend to score lower, gets a bonus if its kids beat the state averages.

Then the rankings examine participation in Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs. Schools with high levels of participation get a bump. And then the rankings look at how well those students scored on the AP and IB tests.

Many of the nation's top schools according to the US News rankings are magnet schools or specialty academies.

To see the full list, go to:

www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/national-rankings

