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Thirteen out of 32 Jeffco High Schools Honored in U.S. News “Best High Schools” Ranking
District received two gold, nine silver, and two bronze medals in the ranking

GOLDEN, Colo. (May 13, 2015) – *U.S. News* recently honored 13 of Jeffco Schools’ 32 high schools with gold, silver, and bronze medals in the publication’s annual ranking of high schools nationwide. Jeffco Schools received two gold, nine silver, and two bronze medals.

The two high schools that received gold medals were D’Evelyn High School, ranked fourth in the state and 164th nationally, and Evergreen High School, ranked seventh in the state and 244th nationally. Medals were determined by unrounded College Readiness Rankings. The top 500 schools nationally received gold medals.

Conifer, Lakewood, Chatfield, Ralston Valley, Wheat Ridge, Dakota Ridge, Standley Lake, Bear Creek, and Golden High Schools received silver medals. Bronze medal designees were Jefferson Charter Academy Senior High School and Jefferson County Open Secondary.

Jefferson County, the largest school district in the state, had the most honorees.

“These recognitions speak highly of the dedication of our teachers and staff, the commitment of our parents, and the demands of our community that Jeffco Schools provide the best education possible to our diverse student populations,” said Jeffco Schools Superintendent Dan McMinimee.

The ranking examined 19,753 eligible high schools across the United States. To be considered, the students at each eligible high school had to meet the following criteria:

- Perform “better than statistically expected for students in their state”
- Black, Hispanic and low-income students also must perform better than other disadvantaged students in the state
- College-readiness performance

U.S. News partnered with RTI International, a global nonprofit social science research firm to implement the publication’s rankings methodology. The researchers examined how well the high school serves all students, not just college-bound students, and it must show measurable academic outcomes across a range of performance indicators.



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To read more about how Jefferson County Schools fared in the *U.S. News* ranking, please visit [here](#).

About Jeffco Public Schools

Jeffco Public Schools has been providing educational excellence for more than 60 years. Approximately nine percent of all the K-12 students in Colorado attend a Jeffco School. Our mission is to provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future. The district has 155 schools on 168 campuses. Additional information about Jeffco Public Schools can be found at JeffcoPublicSchools.org.

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