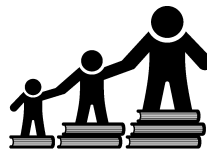


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East, North Make Newsweek Rankings Again D303 High Schools Only Kane County Schools on List

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For the second year in a row, both St. Charles East and St. Charles North High Schools appear on Newsweek magazine's annual list ranking "The Top of the Class" among public high schools across the United States. Among all Illinois public high schools, St. Charles East ranks 25th and St. Charles North ranks 30th in the 2009 rankings.

North and East are the only two high schools located in Kane County to appear on the list. St. Charles Community Unit School District 303 consists of students who reside in Kane County and a portion of DuPage County. The following list shows the National Rank and Index score for the top ten high schools located in Kane or DuPage counties.

NATL RANK	HIGH SCHOOL	INDEX
276	Hinsdale Central	2.682
983	Glenbard West	1.521
1035	Glenbard East	1.455
1103	ST. CHARLES EAST	1.397
1123	Neuqua Valley	1.376
1167	ST. CHARLES NORTH	1.335
1223	Wheaton North	1.272
1242	Downers Grove North	1.256
1312	Naperville North	1.185
1328	Naperville Central	1.172

The list consists of 1300 high schools nationwide, or about 6% of all U.S. high schools. The rankings are based on a ratio that takes the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and/or Cambridge tests taken by all students at a school in 2008 divided by the number of graduating seniors.

Both high schools 2009 index score was higher than their score for 2008. North's index score rose by 10% from 1.217 to 1.335. East's index score increased by 8% from 1.297 to 1.397. The "Top of the Class" list also includes a score measuring the percentage of seniors passing at least one AP, IB or Cambridge test. In this category, North improved from 25% in 2008 to 34% in 2009 while East's score went up from 25% in 2008 to 31% in 2009.

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