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U.S. News Ranks Pomperaug High School 14th Best in State

May 10, 2012, Middlebury/Southbury, CT—Pomperaug High School has been recognized as a Silver Medal recipient by U.S. News and World Report Best High Schools ranking. PHS ranked #14 in the State of Connecticut out of 195 high schools, and #521 in the national rank, placing the school as one of the finest in the nation.

In the U.S. News Best High Schools edition, the magazine's data factored in student/teacher ratio, college readiness, and math and reading performance.

“This recognition is testimony to your hard work and continued commitment to excellence,” wrote Dr. Frank Sippy, Region 15 Superintendent of Schools in a letter to the Pomperaug High School faculty.



“The trek to excellence is not easy; it requires overcoming the fears and reality of change while maintaining a laser-like focus on what it takes to achieve instructional and curricula excellence,” he added.

At the 1,300-student high school, Pomperaug High's student-teacher ratio is 14:1, slightly higher than the state average. The data reported 96 percent of students proficient in math and 98 percent proficient in reading, both above the state average. The College Readiness

Index, a number that is based upon the number of PHS seniors who take and pass Advanced Placement exams, showed 43 percent of all students pass at least one exam and 50 percent of students experience at least one college level course.

"I am so proud of the diligent efforts and ongoing commitment by our high school staff in supporting a dynamic curriculum, rigorous instruction, and high expectations for all of our students. It is so rewarding when the collective dedication of a faculty results in a quality educational program for our learners," said Ms. Lorrie Rodrigue, PHS Principal.

Connecticut has 12 gold medal schools, 25 silver medal schools, and 10 bronze medal schools.

Other high schools in the same District Reference Group (DRG) "B" as Pomperaug High School that have achieved the distinction for the top 20 ranking in Connecticut are: Conard H.S. (#2), William H. Hall H.S. (#6), Simsbury H.S. (#9), Farmington H.S. (#10), Avon H.S. (#13), Fairfield Ludlowe H.S. (#16), and Greenwich H.S. (#17).

The results of the U.S. News and World Report are an additional indicator of Pomperaug's high level of student performance and strength of the school curriculum.

Since 2010, Region 15 has asked Torrington-based *Words & Numbers Research, Inc.* to study PHS students' academic readiness for their first year of college. The three year data suggest that the Pomperaug High School staff and curriculum successfully prepare students for the rigor of post-secondary instruction at competitively ranked colleges and universities.

"It takes a team of certified and classified staff, and committed students pulling in the same direction to accomplish this successful transition to 21st Century instruction," said Sippy. "You bring pride and honor to our community."

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