

All Fairfax County High Schools Make Washington Post's List of Top High Schools in U.S.

All eligible Fairfax County high schools^{1*} have been designated **among the most demanding public schools in the country** and are featured in the 2011 Washington Post list of more than 1,900 top U.S. high schools, found at <http://apps.washingtonpost.com/highschoolchallenge/schools/2011/list/national/>. These schools represent the top 7% of high schools nationwide.

McLean High School had the highest ranking of FCPS high schools on the list of schools, which is based on a formula devised by Washington Post education reporter Jay Mathews. McLean was ranked 105th on the 2011 list.

Rankings for other Fairfax County Public Schools are: Woodson High School, 108; Langley High School, 116; Lake Braddock Secondary School, 118; Centreville High School, 131; Madison High School, 132; Oakton High School, 153; Herndon High School, 160; West Springfield High School, 201; Fairfax High School, 205; South Lakes High School, 213; Robinson Secondary School, 220; Chantilly High School, 247; West Potomac High School, 311; Marshall High School, 347; Westfield High School, 363; Falls Church High School, 366; South County Secondary School, 473; Stuart High School, 522; Hayfield Secondary School, 730; Lee High School, 926; Annandale High School, 1031; Edison High School, 1119; Mt. Vernon High School, 1529.

The Challenge Index measures public high schools' ability to challenge their students. A school's ranking is determined by dividing the number of Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or Cambridge tests given by a school to all its students by the number of seniors who graduated in May or June. The index is designed to identify schools that challenge average students.

FCPS Graduation Rate Second Highest Among Large School Districts

FCPS has the **second highest graduation rate** (85.1% for the Class of 2008, the latest data available, behind only Montgomery County, Md., at 85.7%) among the 50 largest school systems in the United States according to a new report by *Education Week*. Get more information at <http://www.edweek.org/media/v30-34analysistable-c5.pdf>.

¹ **Note:** Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, which serves students across the region, was not included in the list because of its selective admissions process. It is recognized in a separate group titled "Public Elites."