East Troy Named 29th Best High School in Wisconsin by US News & World Report

Students' reading and math proficiency outpace the state average

EAST TROY, Wis. — US News & World Report has recognized Easy Troy High School on its annual list of the top high schools in Wisconsin.

East Troy, ranked 29th on the list, scored above the Wisconsin average in both reading and math proficiency, and is near the state average in terms of college readiness.

"We are very proud of this ranking, as it reflects the hard work of the students, teachers and parents at all levels of our school district," said Dr. Christopher Hibner, Superintendent of the East Troy School District. "We continue our efforts to exceed expectations and become a true district of choice for local families. This tells us that we are making significant progress toward those goals."

According to US News & World Report, 90 percent of East Troy High School students are proficient in reading, while 85 percent are proficient in math. The school was also ranked 1,736 out of the 21,000 schools evaluated nationwide, which earned it a Silver Medal from the magazine.

Since 2008, the school has seen a significant increase in the number of students in AP courses, going from 40 to 65 over the past five years. About 63 percent of students taking an AP exam scored a 3 or higher, which allows the student to apply the course toward college credit.

Toward the goal of continuous improvement, the East Troy School District has focused much of its attention on the concept of ensuring "a year plus of learning growth" through providing high-quality programs, strong leadership and instructional practices that promote individualized learning that engages all students.

"This recognition is a great step forward, but we know that we have a long way to go in ensuring that every student is prepared for college or career readiness when they graduate from our high school," said Dr. Hibner. "Our work is only beginning in terms of fully engaging students in the educational process by guaranteeing a personalized learning environment for each and every child."

East Troy High School, with a total enrollment of 585 students in 2012-2013, serves grades 9-12. To learn more about the district's focus on learning growth across all of its schools, go to <u>http://www.easttroy.k12.wi.us/StudentAchievement</u>.