

TLH Ranked Top 6% in Nation

U.S. News Releases 2013 Best High Schools Rankings

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The importance of a strong high school education cannot be overstated. Good schools challenge students academically, while giving them ample opportunity to explore their interests. This combination can set teens up to succeed long after graduation. By contrast, subpar schools can leave students struggling to make the transition from high school to college or the workforce.

The *2013 Best High Schools* rankings, released yesterday, can help parents wade through the ever expanding options of public high schools. *U.S. News* collected data on more than 21,000 public high schools from 49 states and the District of Columbia. *U.S. News* joined forces with the American Institutes for Research, a D.C.-based organization, to evaluate schools on overall student performance on state-mandated assessments, as well as how effectively schools educated their black, Hispanic and economically disadvantaged students. Performance on Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams was then used to determine the degree to which schools prepare students for college-level work. Schools were ranked within each state, as well as on a national stage, so families can see how their public high school stacked up against rivals within the community and across the country.

T. L. Hanna High School, An International Baccalaureate World School, in Anderson, South Carolina, ranks in the top 5% of schools in the state and top 6% of high schools in the nation. Last year, they were ranked in the top 6% (state) and top 7% (nationally). Out of 223 high schools in S.C., TLH is ranked #11. Statewide, T. L. Hanna is ranked among the top schools,

competing with academic magnet schools, such as the Academic Magnet High School in Charleston, SC (#1); the Charleston County School of the Arts (#2); Mayo High for Math, Science, and Technology (#6) in Darlington, SC; and Greenville Senior High Academy (#8) in the rankings. Each of these schools that rank above TLH are selective in their enrollments of highly academically-inclined students, whereas TLH accepts all students living in the school's attendance zone. TLH continues to provide an excellent education for its students and is duly recognized at both the state and national levels as a high school of excellence.