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Gig Harbor and Peninsula high schools ranked in top 12 percent for Washington schools

Gig Harbor, **WA** – Gig Harbor High School (GHHS) and Peninsula High School (PHS) were recently ranked in the top 8 percent and top 11 percent of schools in Washington State according to <u>U.S. News and World Report</u>. The Peninsula School District is proud of the effort our schools have put in to be placed in these rankings. U.S. News and World Report rank high schools across the United States based on college readiness; college curriculum breadth; math and reading proficiency; math and reading performance; and graduation rates.

GHHS ranked 61st in Washington State out of 712 Washington schools, in the top 8 percent of schools. GHHS also ranked 3,362 nationwide out of 17,843 schools. GHHS ranked No. 56 in the state for college readiness, No. 63 in the state for college curriculum breadth and No. 49 for state assessment proficiency. According to U.S. News and World Report, GHHS scored higher than the state average in math, reading, and science proficiency based on state test scores. GHHS also boasts a higher than average graduation rate at 93 percent.

PHS ranked 82nd in Washington state out of 712 Washington schools, in the top 12 percent, and ranked 4,464 nation-wide out of 17,843 schools. PHS ranked No. 84 in the state for college readiness and No. 70 in the state for college curriculum breadth. PHS also has a 90 percent graduation rate.

"We are proud of the work our high school leaders, teachers, and staff does to ensure the success of each student," Superintendent Krestin Bahr said. "They ensure each student can dream big after graduation."

U.S. News and World Report calculates college readiness based on the percentage of 12th grade students who were tested and passed AP or IB exams in the 2019-2020 school year.

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