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## Corning East and West High Schools Climb *Newsweek's* "Top of the Class List" of America's Best High Schools

CORNING, NY- *Newsweek* magazine has released a list of the top 1,500 public American high schools, with Corning-Painted Post East and West High Schools among the top 1,000 high schools in the nation, per *Newsweek's* ranking process. This year, East is ranked at 786 (1,088 in 2008) and West is at 915 (1164 in 2008).

*Newsweek* ranked schools according to a ratio devised by Jay Matthews (education reporter for the *Washington Post* and author): the number of Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and/or Cambridge tests taken by all students at a school in 2008, divided by the number of graduating seniors. All of the schools on the list have an index of at least 1.000; they are in the top 6 percent of public schools measured this way.

East High School Principal Joseph Tobia said, "To make this list again and see such a significant climb is meaningful. This recognition is a reflection of the staff's dedication, commitment and hard work." He added, "We're devoted to providing a quality education."

West High School Principal Phillip Benson shared Mr. Tobia's excitement. He said, "We are proud to see West High School and our friends at East High School receive this national recognition. It's an honor and our students, staff and community should reflect on what this means. Basically, we truly are providing our students with an outstanding education in C-PP."

Superintendent Michael Ginalski said, "You cannot deny the impact of the direction our Board of Education set by challenging our students with more rigor. It's working, and *Newsweek's* ranking is evidence of the result of those decisions. For instance, it is clear International Baccalaureate has a significant role in allowing C-PP schools to earn a spot on this ranking." He added, "Making this list shows families across the country who are considering a move to New York, that our community is a great place to raise and educate your kids."

*Newsweek* said that AP, IB and Cambridge participation are indicators of a school's efforts to challenge students and prepare them for college.

Read the *Newsweek* story here: <http://www.newsweek.com/id/201160>

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