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**DRIPPING SPRINGS HS INCLUDED ON NEWSWEEK LIST OF TOP SCHOOLS**

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas – Dripping Springs High School again is featured on the *Newsweek* list honoring “America’s Top High Schools,” published in the September 2014 issue. DSHS ranked 274<sup>th</sup> in the nation and 17<sup>th</sup> in the state of Texas. If looking at open-enrollment comprehensive high schools only, Dripping Springs High School is ninth in the state (regardless of size).

The list identifies top-performing schools based on a metric of student achievement and college preparedness data provided by the National Center for Education Statistics and from a survey of schools performed by *Newsweek*. Factors considered were: enrollment rate (25 percent), graduation rate (20 percent), weighted AP/IB composite (17.5 percent), weighted SAT/ACT composite (17.5 percent), change in student enrollment between 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades (10 percent), and counselor-to-student ratio (10 percent).

The last time *Newsweek* released a high school ranking was in May of 2013, at which time Dripping Springs High School was placed #519. That poll was conducted by *Newsweek* in partnership with The Daily Beast; since then the two sources have separated and now each create its own ranking. DSHS was 83<sup>rd</sup> on The Daily Beast’s poll that came out last month.

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