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Rufus King is highest-ranking Wisconsin school on Newsweek list

School moved up to 209 on list of 1,300 top U.S. high schools

Two Milwaukee Public Schools are on the 2008 Newsweek list of 1,300 top public high schools in the United States. Rufus King International Baccalaureate High School, 1801 West Olive Street, is ranked at 209 – the highest-ranking Wisconsin school on the list. Riverside University High School is ranked at 1,170. Only twenty-one Wisconsin schools are on the list.

According to Newsweek, public schools are ranked according to a ratio of the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and/or Cambridge tests taken by all students at a school in 2007 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 5 percent of public schools measured this way.



“The Rufus King International Baccalaureate High School administration heartily congratulates our staff and students for committing themselves to demanding standards of excellence in the academic arena as well as in extracurricular activities,” said Marie Newby-Randle, Rufus King Principal. “Our students are to be commended for challenging



themselves by taking more than one thousand rigorous and intellectually challenging IB exams during the month of May, distinguishing our school with this honor, and proving again that they are truly among the brightest and the best. We are honored to guide and mold young people with these highly desirable qualities.”

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“Riverside University High School is a large comprehensive high school where teachers teach with an emphasis on Honors and Advanced placement courses,” said Dr. Daniel Donder, Riverside Principal. “At Riverside University High School, teachers are continuously developing a rigorous curriculum while the students are actively engaged in the learning process.”

More information about the top U.S. high schools and the complete Newsweek list is available at: <http://www.newsweek.com/id/39380/?q=2008/rank/201/>. For media information about this release, call MPS Communications Director, Roseann St. Aubin, at (414) 475-8237.

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