

STAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT AWARDS A SILVER MEDAL TO STAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL

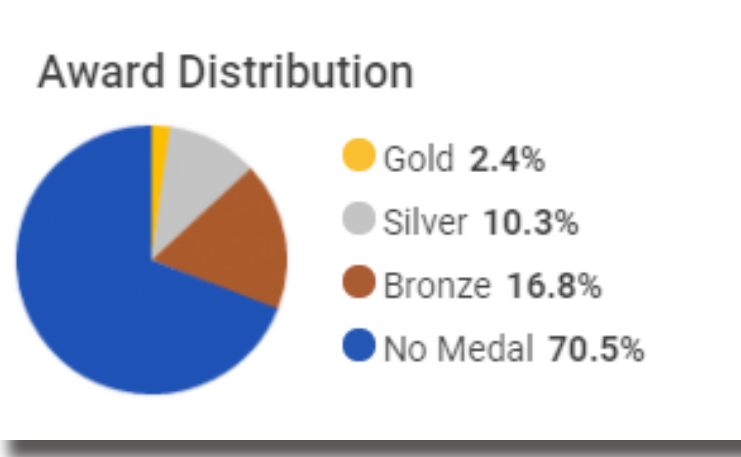
On April 25, 2017, Stafford High School (SHS) was identified as a silver medal winner according to *U.S. News and World Report*. SHS is ranked 31st out of 288 high schools within Connecticut.

U.S. News and World Report made the following findings:

- Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement® course work and exams.
- The AP® participation rate at Stafford High School is 24 percent and participant passing rate is 91%.
- 75.5% of students mastered state exit exams (based on the proportion of students who achieved each proficiency level).
- 94% Graduation rate

2017 National Rankings distribution:

Stafford High School placed in the top 13% of over 22,000 schools in the National Rankings. Schools are ranked based on performance on state-required tests and preparedness of students for college.



U.S. News and World Report ranking methodology:

Rankings were based on key principles: A great high school must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college bound, and it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show it is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators.

Criteria for rankings:

STEP 1 | Students perform better than expected in their state.

STEP 2 | Disadvantaged students perform better than state average.

STEP 3 | Student graduation rates meet or exceed a national standard.

STEP 4 | Students are prepared for college-level coursework.

Connecticut Rankings:

In the 2017 *U.S. News and World Report* Best High Schools rankings, Connecticut earned eight gold medal schools, 24 silver medal schools and 16 bronze medal schools.

For more information:

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Detailed information is also available at the *U.S. News and World Report* website at:
<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/national-rankings>



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