

## **U.S. News & World Report Names Woodruff High School Among America's Best High Schools in 2016**

Woodruff High School ranked #16 among South Carolina's 230 public high schools and #1,739 out of approximately 21,000 U.S. public high schools according to the 2016 U.S. News & World Report's ranking of America's Best High Schools. Woodruff High had the highest ranking of any Spartanburg County high school.

U.S. News used a four-step process to determine America's Best High Schools. First, they determined which students performed better than expected in their state by looking at the reading and writing results on each state's proficiency assessments, factoring in the percentage of economically disadvantaged students. Next, they compared each school's math and reading proficiency rates for disadvantaged students with the statewide results for these student groups and selected schools that were performing better than their state averages. Third, they excluded schools from consideration if their graduation rates were lower than 68%. Finally, they calculated a College Readiness Index based on the school's AP or IB participation rate and how well the students did on those tests.

[US News and World Report's Ranking of Best High Schools](#)