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Northgate, Newnan and East Coweta Named Among the “2023 Best High Schools” in U.S.

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All three Coweta County School System high schools have been recognized once again as being among the country’s “Best High Schools” by U.S. News and World Report.

U.S. News recently released its 2023 “Best High Schools” list, which recognizes high-achieving public, magnet and charter schools across the U.S. U.S. News’ [2023 Best High Schools](#) numerically ranked 17,680 high schools nationwide and 469 in Georgia this year as a part of its survey. Schools with a national rank in the top 40 percent nationally achieved status among the country’s “Best” high schools.



Dr. Chase Puckett, Coweta’s Director of Instructional Services and Gifted Education, recognized the principals of three Northgate , Newnan and East Coweta high schools at the Board of Education’s September board meeting.

“We’re excited to celebrate all three of our Coweta County high schools, who rank very well in the 23-24 Best High Schools report,” based on the criteria of college readiness, state assessment proficiency and performance, underserved students performance, Advanced Placement participation and performance, and high school graduation rate.

Among some of the results that Puckett shared with board members in U.S. News and World Report’s Best High Schools ranking:

Northgate High School

- **top 17% among public high schools nationally**
- **top 14% among Georgia public high schools**
- **Students Taking at Least One AP Exam - 36%**
- **Passed at Least One AP® Exam - 23%**
- **Graduation Rate - 92%**

Newnan High School

- **top 22% among public high schools nationally**
- **top 18% among Georgia public high schools**
- **Students Taking at Least One AP Exam - 33%**
- **Passed at Least One AP Exam - 21%**
- **Graduation Rate - 88%**

East Coweta High School

- **top 38% among public high schools nationally**
- **Top 30% among Georgia public high schools**
- **Students Taking at Least One AP® Exam - 23%**
- **Passed at Least One AP Exam - 14%**
- **Graduation Rate - 89%**

All three high schools also slightly improved their rankings in 2023 over the 2022 report.

Puckett further noted that, when examining the overall criteria rankings among Georgia school systems on this year's report, Coweta performed well overall. Coweta ranked 30th in overall college readiness in Georgia out of 194 Georgia districts reporting (including school districts, and separate public magnet and charter schools), 18th in math proficiency, and 24th in reading proficiency, placing Coweta in the top tiers of student performance in the state.

"The Coweta County School System consistently performs well among our peers," said Puckett, particularly among large school systems with more than 10000 students enrolled.

"It's not just the high school administration and staff who get this award," said Board member Buzz Glover. "It's really for the whole county" including the elementary and middle schools who prepare students for success in high school. "I see it as a county-wide recognition."

The U.S. News Best High Schools rankings include data on nearly 25,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia. Nearly 17,680 schools were ranked based on their performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college.

According to U.S. News, "the highest ranked U.S. public schools in U.S. News & World Report's 2023-2024 Best High Schools rankings are those whose students demonstrated outstanding outcomes above expectations in math, reading and science state assessments, earned qualifying scores in an array of college-level exams, and graduated in high proportions."

The public high schools included in the report were those with a 12th grade enrollment of 15 students or greater during the 2020-2021 school year.



To read more about U.S. News & World Report's 2023 Best High Schools rankings of Coweta high schools, go [here](#).

Director Chase Puckett, at left, introduces Coweta County high school principals Steve Allen, East Coweta High School, Ashley Wilkes, Northgate High School, and Gamal Kemp, Newnan High School, at the school board's September 12 meeting.

Additional links:

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/georgia/districts/coweta-county-public-schools/east-coweta-high-school-5823>

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/georgia/districts/coweta-county-public-schools/newnan-high-school-5821>

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