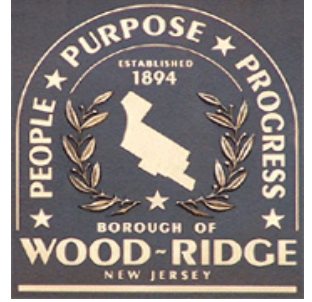


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Wood-Ridge High School Ranked in Top Third Percentile of New Jersey Public High Schools

WOOD-RIDGE, NJ - New Jersey Monthly Magazine's 2008 Ranking of New Jersey Public High Schools has placed Wood-Ridge High School in the top third percentile of all state high schools, No. 101 of 316.

"These results demonstrate that the recent history of cooperation between the Wood-Ridge Municipal Government and the Board of Education is working in the best interest of our residents," said Mayor Paul Sarlo. "Highly ranked schools like Wood-Ridge High School encourage people to move into town, to make investments in their properties, and to join their elected officials in charting the continued growth of our community in the years to ahead."

In Bergen County, NJ Monthly also ranked Wood-Ridge No. 26 in a sub-category determined by factors including income levels, education levels, per pupil spending and other socioeconomic factors. In this "District Group," Wood-Ridge was behind only two other high schools - Hasbrouck Heights and New Milford.

Wood-Ridge High School scored notably high in several specific categories as well, including percent of teachers with advanced degrees (60%), percent of students who scored higher than a 3 on Advanced Placement tests (72%), and average class size (17.5). Additionally, Wood-Ridge students posted average scores of 1490 on their SATs.

"We are proud to see the progress of a 13% increase since the last NJ Monthly ranking in 2006, when Wood-Ridge came in number 143," said Councilman Dominick Azzolini, also Liaison to the Board of Education. "I believe that this acknowledgment, coupled with the construction of Wesmont Station, the new train station and the new athletic field at the high school, shows that the Borough is headed towards a bright future."

The rankings were compiled in conjunction with Monmouth University's Polling Institute. They can be viewed in their entirety at www.njmonthly.com.

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