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### **Washington Post names 15 Santa Clara County schools to annual “America’s Most Challenging High Schools” list**

**SAN JOSE, CA** – This week, The Washington Post released their annual list of “America’s Most Challenging High Schools,” with 15 Santa Clara County Schools ranked in the top 2,300 schools across the country.

The rankings are determined by taking the total number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Cambridge (Advanced International Certificate of Education) tests given at a school each year and dividing it by the number of seniors who graduate in May or June. Dubbed the “Challenge Index” by the newspaper, the ranking is designed to measure the degree that high schools encourage students to take rigorous college-level courses.

The following schools in Santa Clara County were included in this year’s rankings, listed in order as ranked:

*Gunn High School, Palo Alto Unified School District*  
*Monta Vista High School, Fremont Union High School District*  
*Lynbrook High School, Fremont Union High School District*  
*KIPP San Jose Collegiate High School, East Side Union High School District*  
*Saratoga High School, Los Gatos–Saratoga Joint Union High School District*  
*Los Gatos High School, Los Gatos–Saratoga Joint Union High School District*  
*Los Altos High School, Mountain View-Los Altos High School District*  
*Cupertino High School, Fremont Union High School District*  
*Mountain View High School, Mountain View-Los Altos High School District*  
*Leland High School, San Jose Unified School District*  
*Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto Unified School District*  
*Lincoln High School, San Jose Unified School District*  
*Homestead High School, Fremont Union High School District*  
*Silver Creek High School, East Side Union High School District*  
*Fremont High School, Fremont Union High School District*  
*Willow Glen High School, San Jose Unified School District*  
*Milpitas High School, Milpitas Unified School District*

There are approximately 22,000 U.S. public high schools. Visit [The Washington Post](http://www.washingtonpost.com) for more information on the list and ranking system.