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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 for more information on the list and ranking system.