

What Methodology was used by US News in awarding Bogus Medal to Rich Central ?

Black, Hispanic, and low income students held to lower standards than White students

SOURCE: <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/illinois/districts/rich-twp-hsd-227/rich-central-campus-high-school-6969/test-scores>

U.S. News ranking criteria

- Black, Hispanic, and low income students are held to lower standards and compared to the statistical average for similar students in the state.
 - Outdated Data is based on the 2009 school year.
 - Private and parochial schools were not included
 - In total, *U.S. News* ranked 4,877 schools as gold, silver, or bronze.
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US News Methodology for Ranking

National rankings

A three-step process determined the Best High Schools. The first two steps ensured that the schools serve all of their students well, using performance on state proficiency tests as the benchmarks. For those schools that made it past the first two steps, a third step assessed the degree to which schools prepare students for college-level work.

- Step 1: The first step determined whether each school's students were performing better than statistically expected for the average student in the state. We started by looking at reading and math results for all students on each state's high school proficiency tests. **We then factored in the percentage of economically disadvantaged students (who tend to score lower) enrolled at the school to identify the schools that were performing better than statistical expectations.**
 - Step 2: For those schools that made it past this first step, **the second step determined whether the school's least-advantaged students (black, Hispanic, and low-income) were performing better than average for similar students in the state. We compared each school's math and reading proficiency rates for disadvantaged students with the statewide results for these student groups and then selected schools that were performing better than this state average.**
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Complete list of Illinois school rankings.

<http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/illinois/rankings>