

# Looking At The ISSUES

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## Two Stark High Schools Ranked Among Best in Nation

*There are more than 18,000 public high schools in the United States. What if you could take a snapshot of each one and capture, at a particular moment, what kinds of students were enrolled there and the caliber of the education provided them?* – U.S. News and World Report<sup>1</sup>

In its first ever ranking of American high schools announced last week, *U.S. News & World Report* listed two Stark County schools among the top in the nation.

The ranking, which looked at academic and enrollment data from 18,790 public high schools, was done in collaboration with *School Evaluation Services*, a K-12 education and data research and analysis company run by Standard & Poor's. Top schools were placed into gold, silver, or bronze medal categories. **North Canton's Hoover High School received a Silver Award, while Louisville High School earned a Bronze.**

Ranking was conducted using a three-step analysis. The first step measured how students performed on state tests, adjusting for student circumstances. The second evaluated the success of disadvantaged students and the third step looked at whether the school was successful in providing college-level coursework.

The *U.S. News and World Report* rankings<sup>2</sup> differ from the other prominent high school ranking conducted by *Newsweek* in that more data enters into the calculation. *Newsweek* ranks high schools using a method based almost exclusively on Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate tests.

<sup>1</sup> See U.S. News & World Report, America's Best High Schools at: <http://www.usnews.com/articles/education/high-schools/2007/11/29/americas-best-high-schools.html>  
<sup>2</sup> For an online listing of all schools, visit: <http://www.usnews.com/sections/education/high-schools/index.html>



The Stark Education Partnership is moving on December 12th. Our new address will be:  
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## Publishing *Holiday*

As we prepare for our move, we will be taking a publishing holiday. We've appreciated all of the many positive comments about *Looking at the Issues* throughout the year. Watch for the next *Issues* on January 11, 2008!