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JEFFCO'S HIGH SCHOOLS RANK AT THE TOP OF THE LISTS

The Washington Post released its list of most challenging high schools in [*The High School Challenge 2012*](#) and five Jeffco schools are on the national and state rankings.

The [*Colorado state rankings*](#) list **Evergreen High School** as the fourth most challenging school in the state, **Lakewood** takes the fifth spot, **Conifer** is placed at sixth, **D'Evelyn** is eighth and **Bear Creek High School (BCHS)** lands in the 22nd slot.

BCHS Principal Kevin Carroll recently announced his school's ranking on the Washington Post's list to his staff. "This reinforced to them that they are an amazing group of educators," he said. "They pour themselves into their work with our students every day and not for recognition, but because they love what they do. We give our students great pathways to their future and we're not done yet."

U.S. News and World Report also ranked six Jeffco schools on its [*Best High Schools in Colorado*](#) list. D'Evelyn, Conifer, Evergreen, Lakewood, Ralston Valley, and Wheat Ridge high schools landed in the top 40.

Also recently released, *Newsweek's* [*2013 America's Best High Schools*](#) which places D'Evelyn at #174, Evergreen at #423, Lakewood at #782 and Conifer at #789, as ranked among 2,000 of the nation's best high schools.