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Canyon and Villa Park High Schools Named in Newsweek's America's Best High Schools

ORANGE, Calif., June 24, 2010—Each year, Newsweek picks the best high schools in the country based on how hard school staffs work to challenge students with advanced placement college-level courses and tests. This year, two Orange Unified School District high schools made the list. Villa Park High School is number 575 and Canyon High School is number 804 on this year's list. Just over 1600 schools—only six percent of all the public schools in the U.S.—made the list.

Villa Park High School principal Ed Howard said, "It is always nice to be recognized as one of the best at what you do. Our students and staff are certainly worthy of the praise. We are proud of what we do every day to prepare our students to be productive citizens. Spartans are and will continue to be ready for what is next."

This is the second time on the list for both schools, Villa Park was on the list in 2006 and Canyon made the list in 2008.

"We are pleased that Canyon is named to this list. Unlike other measures, this scale is an indication of how much we are challenging our students to perform at a high level. We want all our students to experience a challenging course of study, one that will prepare them for the college, university, or post-secondary learning venue of their choice. Most of our International Baccalaureate program students come back to tell us that their transition to the work load of the university was seamless, thanks to the rigorous programs offered at Canyon," said Canyon High School principal Dr. Greg Bowden.

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA

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