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## New Jersey Public Charter Schools Rank on U.S. News & World Report 2022 Best High Schools List

**HAMILTON, NJ - April 28, 2022 -** Three New Jersey public charter schools ranked in the top 101 public high schools in New Jersey according to U.S. News & World Report <u>2022 Best High Schools</u> list.

The top three top ranked New Jersey public charter schools are:

- Central Jersey College Prep Charter School (#32 in New Jersey Rankings, #709 in National Rankings)
- Bergen Arts and Sciences Charter School (#56 in New Jersey Rankings, #1,317 in National Rankings)
- Passaic Arts and Science Charter School (#101 in New Jersey Rankings, #2,368 in National Rankings)

"We congratulate all of New Jersey's top rated high schools and we are particularly proud of the three public charter high schools that ranked among the best schools in the state," said Harry Lee, President and CEO of the New Jersey Public Charter School Association. "These rankings look at academics, graduation rates and college-readiness and we see that charter schools are playing an important role in the educational system by providing quality educational opportunities to New Jersey students."

Central Jersey College Prep Charter School, in Somerset, had a Grade 9-12 enrollment of 212 students and a 100 percent graduation rate and 58.5 college readiness score. Bergen Arts and Sciences Charter School, in Garfield, also had a 100 percent graduation rate and a 50.3 college readiness score, with 354 students in grades 9-12. With 301 students, Passaic Arts and Sciences Charter School rounded out the top 101 schools with a 98 percent graduation rate and 46.1 college readiness score. Great Oaks Legacy Charter School, in Newark, was the fourth charter in the top half of the rankings at #125 in New Jersey and #3,052 Nationally.

The U.S. News rankings include data on nearly 24,000 <u>public high schools</u> in 50 states and the District of Columbia, including nearly 3,000 <u>public charter schools</u>. The top-ranked schools have a high rate of students who scored above expectations in math, science and reading state assessments, passed an array of college-level exams, and graduated in four years. There were <u>406 public high schools</u>, including <u>24 charter schools</u>, ranked in New Jersey.

## About New Jersey Public Charter Schools Association

The New Jersey Public Charter Schools Association (NJPCSA) is the non-profit membership association that represents the state's charter school community and, by extension, charter school students and their parents. There are currently 87 charter schools in New Jersey serving approximately 60,000 students. We are dedicated to advancing quality public education for New Jersey's children through the cultivation of excellent public charter schools. The Association seeks to influence legislative and policy environments, leverage collective advocacy, and provide resources to support our members in developing and operating high quality, public charter schools.