

## Magazine salutes 3 Scottsdale high schools

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*U.S. News & World Report* last month honored three of Scottsdale Unified School District's five high schools as among the best in the nation.

Arcadia, Chaparral and Desert Mountain High schools each received a silver-medal rating from the magazine, which annually ranks high schools. The schools were among 10 Arizona high schools to receive silver medals. Three Arizona high schools received gold medals and 32 received bronze medals.

Schools receiving silver medals had to meet the needs of all students, and then meet the needs of students to help them succeed in college, based on advance-placement and international-baccalaureate testing.

Co-interim Superintendent Katy Cavanagh said the rankings are a sign that Scottsdale is an exceptional school district.

"This is a ranking that is important, and it's critical for what our goals are and that it is about meeting the needs of all kids," she said. It's "a great honor for those three high schools."

Desert Mountain, which offers an international-baccalaureate program, also made *U.S. News & World Report*'s list of the top 100 IB schools in the country.

"It's what we've always said: You're getting a private-school education at a public-school price," said co-interim Superintendent David Peterson.

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