

HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR HIGH SCHOOL

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June 24, 2011 (Flossmoor, Ill.) — In the June 20 issue of *Newsweek*, **Homewood-Flossmoor High School** was ranked No. 336 in the magazine's report of the top 500 best high schools in America. In the state of Illinois, Homewood-Flossmoor was ranked No. 17, and was the only South Suburban high school in the state's top 20.

“We are extremely pleased with our standing,” said Dr. Von Mansfield, superintendent. “However, our Board of Education, administrators, teachers and students continue to work hard as we look to even improve our standing in the future.”

This is the second time in a month that H-F has been listed among the top high schools in the country by a national publication. On May 22, H-F was ranked No. 36 in the state of Illinois and No. 124 in the Midwest region in the *Washington Post's* High School Challenge article.

While both used figures based on 2010 graduates, the *Newsweek* methodology differed significantly from that of the *Washington Post*. The newspaper took the total number of A.P.[®], International Baccalaureate (I.B.) and Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) tests given at a school and divided it by the number of seniors who graduated in May and June. The magazine's ranking was based on six categories: graduation rate, college matriculation rate, A.P.[®] tests taken per graduate, average SAT/ACT scores, average A.P.[®]/I.B./AICE scores and A.P.[®] courses offered.

Unlike Homewood-Flossmoor, many of the top-ranked high schools in the *Newsweek* report have selective-enrollment policies and do not admit all students residing in their boundaries. The full report can be viewed at newsweek.com/2011/06/19/the-best-high-schools-in-america.html. The Washington Post article is at apps.washingtonpost.com/highschoolchallenge.

Homewood-Flossmoor High School is a three-time National Blue Ribbon award-winning school, located at 999 Kedzie Avenue in Flossmoor, Ill. For more information on the school, call 708-799-3000 or visit hfhighschool.org.

Homewood-Flossmoor High School is a comprehensive community high school located in the South Suburbs of Chicago. The district serves the villages of Homewood and Flossmoor, and portions of Chicago Heights, Glenwood, Hazel Crest and Olympia Fields.

A tradition of excellence is the cornerstone of H-F – the result of commitment on the part of district residents to the idea of a community high school with high standards for students and staff, and a solid goal of excellence in education.