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## **Seven HCPS high schools among most rigorous in nation**

The national high school challenge project, known as the “Challenge Index,” is compiled by *The Washington Post* each year. This year, seven of the 10 Harford County public high schools have been named on the list of the nation’s top schools.

The Challenge Index identifies high schools that offer a rigorous instructional program based on high numbers of students taking either Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) tests. Schools are given a score by dividing the number of AP or IB tests taken by all students at a school by the number of graduating seniors. The resulting ratio score is used to rank schools in the survey.

This year’s seven HCPS schools, which are among 123 Maryland schools on the list, are:

-  C. Milton Wright High School (ranked 63 in Maryland)
-  Aberdeen High School (82)
-  Bel Air High School (93)
-  Fallston High School (105)
-  Patterson Mill High School (107)
-  Edgewood High School (110)
-  North Harford High School (112)

“We are extremely proud of our seven high schools for this recognition, and we are equally as proud of our staff for their dedication to the success of our students,” said Superintendent of Schools Robert M. Tomback. “We remain committed to ensuring our students are reaching their highest level of achievement and are prepared for college.”

The complete High School Challenge may be found at <http://apps.washingtonpost.com/highschoolchallenge/>.

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