

Dr. Candis Finan, Superintendent of the Delaware Valley School District proudly announces that Delaware Valley High School has been named one of America's Top Public High Schools in Newsweek.

Delaware Valley High School has been included in Newsweek's 2010 list of America's Top Public High Schools that represent the top 6% of all public schools (including charter schools) nationwide. Newsweek's list is prepared by Jay Mathews of the Washington Post and is published by Newsweek annually. In the past few years, Delaware Valley has maintained a very high rate of students attending college. Some years as high as 90% of their graduates are attending post secondary colleges according to Jay Tucker, Chairperson of the DV Counseling Department. Tucker strongly believed this prestigious national honor is one that belongs to the Delaware Valley students who have been very committed to taking rigorous courses, including the rigorous AP courses.

The criteria used for inclusion in this list is that the number of Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and or Cambridge tests taken by all students at a school in 2009 is divided by the number of graduating seniors and must be at least 1.0.

In 2009, there were 450 Delaware Valley graduates. 484 AP exams were administered to 261 students in grades 10 through 12. This produces an index of 1.075 qualifying Delaware Valley High School as one of America's Top Public High Schools.

Dr. Thomas Finan, Director of Secondary Educations (retired), reported that Delaware Valley High school began in 1985 to implement AP courses to assist students in applying to highly competitive universities. As a result of the implementation of 22 Advanced Placement courses throughout the past twenty-five years, many students have been able to complete college early thus saving tuition dollars. As a result of AP course credits, Dr. Schaffer recently reports that her daughter was able to graduate one year early from Cabrini thus saving \$45,000.