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Kimberly High School Ranks on The Washington Post's List of America's Most Challenging High Schools for a Seventh Year Only School in the Fox Valley on the List and Ranked 14th in the State

Kimberly, Wis. – May 12, 2017 – Kimberly High School (KHS) has been named one of The Washington Post's Most Challenging High Schools in America for its rigorous curriculum. This is the seventh year in a row that KHS has earned a spot on the list. Within Wisconsin, KHS was 14th in the state and was the only high school within the Fox Valley area to make the list.

The list is meant to recognize high schools that encourage students to take college-level courses and tests. Of the approximately 22,000 public high schools across the country, only the top 12% received this recognition.



"National recognition for KHS inspires a wave of emotions," said Charlie Fischer, a senior at the school. "I'm proud that my school is preparing me to be a part of the global workforce, even if the valley is where my heart is."

When students take honors and higher level coursework, they are enriching their learning and developing skills that prepare them for college and careers. "I'm grateful to be a part of a program that gives their students so many opportunities to thrive," said Fischer. "And I'm challenged to live up to the high standards this recognition sets because it's my responsibility to use this excellent education to make an impact."

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Students who pursue challenging academic coursework at the high school can earn college credit through Advanced Placement, Cooperative Academic Partnership Program (CAPP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) and Fox Valley Technical College.

“This news only reinforces my confidence in the institution which has helped mold me into the person I have become,” said William Wegner, also a senior and valedictorian for the Class of 2017. “I am unbelievably lucky to have spent the last four years at a school which challenges and builds both my intellect and my character. My education at Kimberly has prepared me aptly for the obstacles I am bound to face throughout my life, so this recognition comes as no surprise.”



“We want every student to pursue their potential,” said Robert Mayfield, Superintendent of the Kimberly Area School District. “Our entire community can be proud of this national award because it recognizes the efforts of our students, their families and our staff.”

Inclusion in the school rankings is based on a ratio of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Advanced International Certificate of Education tests given at the school in 2016, divided by the number of seniors who graduated that year. Also factored are the percentage of students who come from families that qualify for lunch subsidies and the percentage of graduates who passed at least one college-level test during their high school career, called equity and excellence. To read more about the list, visit

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/local/high-school-challenge-2017/>

About the Kimberly Area School District

The Kimberly Area School District is a progressive public school district committed to providing the best possible education available to students. Its responsibility is to help lead the way in developing well-rounded students and future citizens. The District wants every student to be given the opportunity to reach their potential through academics, the arts and co-curricular activities. It encompasses approximately 17 square miles and

serves over 5,000 students in one 4K center, four elementary schools (5K-4), two intermediate schools (5-6), one middle school (7-8) and one high school (9-12). To learn more about the Kimberly Area School District, call (920)788-7900 or visit www.kimberly.k12.wi.us.