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The Washington Post Selects Spring-Ford Area Senior High School as a one of "America's Most Challenging High Schools"

ROYERSFORD, PA – Spring-Ford Area High School continues to receive national recognition, most recently as the school made The Washington Post's 2016 list of America's Most Challenging High Schools.

The Washington Post ranks schools through an index formula that's a simple ratio: the number of Advanced Placement (AP) exams and/or International Baccalaureate and Advanced International Certificate of Education tests given at a school each year, divided by the number of seniors who graduated that year. A ratio of at least 1.00 means the school had as many tests as they had graduates. SFAHS has seen an increase in the number of AP exams that students elect to participate in, making the total ratio 1.486.

Spring-Ford Area High School Principal, Dr. Patrick Nugent said, "I was excited to hear the news! Our teachers work all year with our students to ensure they are mastering content, exceling in AP exams and really understanding the benefit of working hard in high school. It is because of our staff and students that Spring-Ford was recognized."

This is the second year that Spring-Ford Area High School was named to The Washington Post's Most Challenging High School list. SFAHS was ranked 1,853 out of nearly 20,000 public high schools across the nation. This is an increase from 2015, when Spring-Ford ranked 2,092.

"This is the second time this year that the Washington Post has been identified Spring-Ford as a top school in the nation. I'm proud of our district, of our staff and of our students. Receiving national recognition, year after year, is truly a team effort," said SFASD Superintendent, Dr. David Goodin.

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