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Columbus Alternative High School has received a silver medal from *U.S. News & World Report* magazine as one of the nation's top high schools. Columbus Alternative High School has earned the Central Region Triple Crown Award from the Ohio School Boards Association, the only high school of 300 in the 14-county central region to be honored by *Newsweek* and *U.S. News & World Report* and to be designated by the Ohio Department of Education as a School of Promise. This is the third consecutive time CAHS has won this award. Over ninety percent of CAHS graduates attend college afterward, and each graduating class has earned millions of dollars in scholarships. The College Board recognized Columbus Alternative High School as one of seven schools in the country for the advancement of higher-level math and science for minority students.

CAHS students participate in an internship program beginning their junior year. The program, which fulfills the community-service requirements of the district, is designed to provide real-world experience. Students choose their own sponsors, who range from local artisans to politicians to teachers. Students report to their site on Wednesdays in place of attending classes. Also, CAHS has offered an International Baccalaureate diploma program for 11th and 12th graders since the 2005-2006 school year. Students are required to take an AP, IB, or post-secondary course at least one time before their graduation.

Columbus Alternative High School received a 9 out of 10, with 10 being the highest rating, for its efforts to prepare students for academic success, according to a national education group.

The website rates schools across the country on improvements in test scores, college readiness, and academic development of underserved students.

GreatSchools.org rates and publishes the growth students make on test scores as a guide for parents to help them find the right school for their family. The firm also shows the efforts the school is making to improve the community through academic development, education, and cultural programs.

“CAHS administration and staff are honored to be recognized for our unwavering commitment to academic excellence for all students,” said Darryl C. Sanders, Principal of Columbus Alternative High School. "It’s always rewarding to see that CAHS students can compete in the same academic field as their suburban counterparts. This honor makes our school’s motto a reality: CAHS, where Academic Excellence is the Standard and not the Exception.”



	Enrollment #	Pct
All Students	809	
American Indian or Alaskan Native	NC	NC
Asian or Pacific Islander	44	5.4

	Enrollment #	Pct
Black, Non-Hispanic	418	51.7
Hispanic	63	7.8
Multiracial	43	5.3
White, Non-Hispanic	240	29.7
Students with Disabilities	53	6.6
Economic Disadvantage	809	100
English Learner	62	7.6
Migrant	NC	NC