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## **Idaho students' college readiness ranks state in top 5 of national report**

(BOISE) – US News & World Report ranked Idaho fifth among all U.S. states for students' college readiness, based on the proportion of students meeting SAT or ACT benchmarks.

“This is great news, affirming our belief that Idaho schools are doing a good job of preparing students for post-high school success, even as compared to most other states,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra said. “There’s something to be said about strategic investments in education and staying the course.”

The ranking is part of the national magazine’s annual Best States report on various measures of education success. [Check out the report here.](#)

[Idaho’s college-readiness ranking](#) shows more than 55 percent of students meeting readiness benchmarks, landing the state in the top 5.

Idaho is the only western state that ranked in the top 20 for college readiness. Montana, Washington, Utah and Oregon were ranked at 24, 29, 34 and 36, respectively.

U.S. News’ overall K-12 rankings put Idaho at No. 25, just ahead of Washington.

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