

# MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL



**U.S. News** Best High Schools Methodology

### About the Awards

- Gold**  
Top 500 Schools based on highest college readiness
- Silver**  
High-performing schools based on lower college readiness.
- Bronze**  
High-performing schools based on state exam performance, listed alphabetically.

### Award Distribution

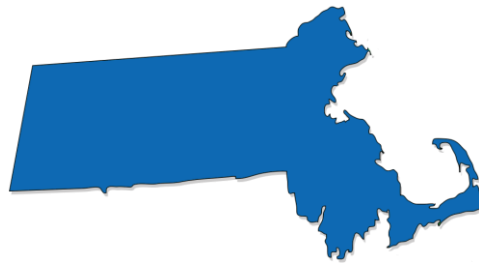
Award	Percentage
Gold	2.5%
Silver	10.9%
Bronze	17.8%
No Medal	68.8%

**Mohawk HS  
Awarded  
Silver Medal  
in 2016**

**Mohawk HS  
top 9% in U.S.  
and  
top 21% in MA**

- **Ranked 2,567 of 19,908 across United States: Top 9%**
- **Ranked 74 of 353 within Massachusetts: Top 21%**

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- **Massachusetts ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the United States**
- **Based on percentage of high schools awarded gold or silver medals**

How States Compare in the 2016 Best High Schools Rankings

State rank*	State	Number of eligible high schools**	Gold medal schools (percent and total number)	Silver medal schools (percent and total number)	Total number of gold and silver medals	Percent of schools with gold and silver medals
1	MD	232	8.2% 19 Schools	20.7% 48 Schools	67	28.9%
2	CT	193	5.7% 11 Schools	19.2% 37 Schools	48	24.9%
3	CA	2,099	4% 84 Schools	19.8% 415 Schools	499	23.8%
4	FL	696	4.7% 33 Schools	16.7% 116 Schools	149	21.4%
5	MA	353	6.2% 22 Schools	15% 53 Schools	75	21.2%
6	DC	36	2.8% 1 School	16.7% 6 Schools	7	19.4%

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- U.S. News & World Report High School Ranking System

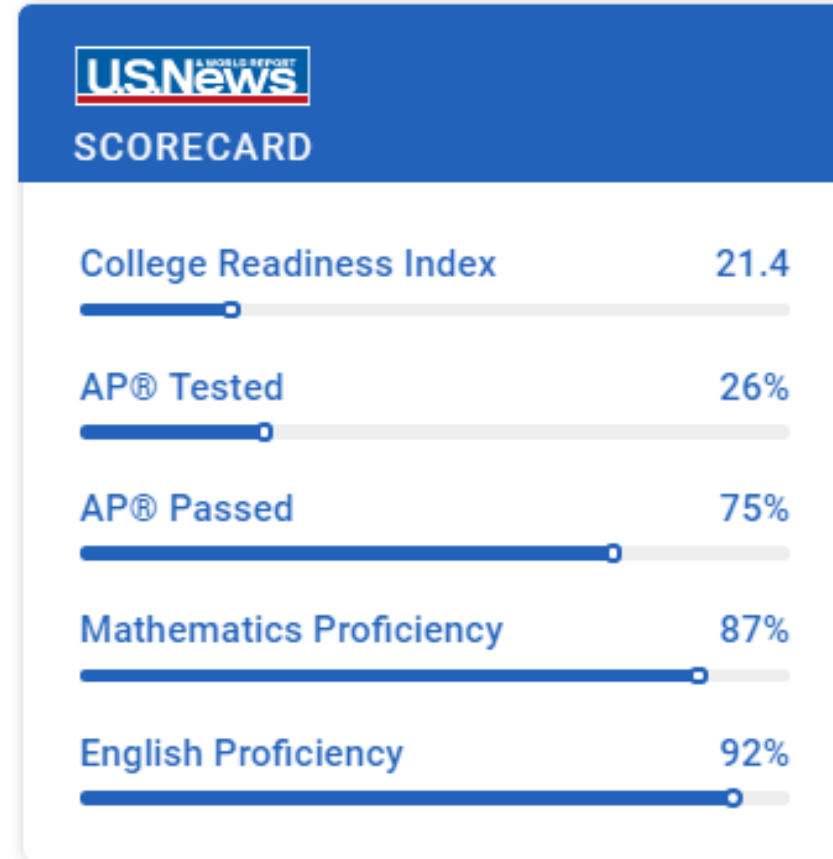
## 2016 Rankings

Mohawk Trail Regional High is ranked #2567 in the [National Rankings](#) and earned a silver medal. Schools are ranked based on their performance on state-required tests and how well they prepare students for college. Read more about [how we rank the Best High Schools](#).

All rankings:

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🏆 #74 in [Massachusetts High Schools](#)



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## U.S. News Comprehensive Rankings Methodology

- **2 Key Principles**

- 1. that a great high school must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college bound**
- 2. and that it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show it is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators**



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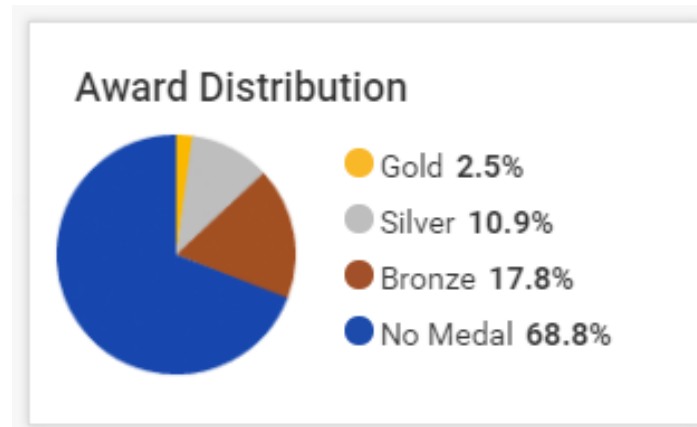
## U.S. News Comprehensive Rankings Methodology

- **4-Step Initial Screening Process**

- Began with 28,561 U.S. public high schools
- Screened-out 8,653 (30% of 28,561) schools

- **19,908 high schools moved forward for ranking**

- Screened-out 13,690 (69% of 19,908) schools
- 6,218 highest scoring schools awarded medals
  - Gold: 1 – 500 (2.5% of 19,908)
  - Silver: 501 - 2,673 (10.9% of 19,908)
  - Bronze: 2,674 - 3,545 (17.8% of 19,908)



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- **Step 1: Determine whether each school's students were performing better than statistically expected for students in that state**
  - Reading and Math results on MCAS
  - Factored in the percentages of economically disadvantaged students
  - Performance had to be one-third of one standard deviation above the average

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- **Step 2: Determine whether disadvantaged students (low-income) were outperforming disadvantaged students in that state**
  - Reading and Math proficiency rates on MCAS
  - Selected schools that were performing better than state averages



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- **Step 3: Determine whether the graduation rate meets or surpasses a basic benchmark**
  - 4-year graduation rate 68% or greater
  - Based on 2014 cohort
  - Students who entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2010-2011 school year



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- **Step 4: Determine college readiness performance**
  - Calculated a College Readiness Index
  - Based on the school's Advanced Placement rate
    - Number of 12th-grade students in the 2013-2014 academic year who took at least one AP test before or during their senior year,
    - Divided by the number of 12th-graders,
    - and how well the students did on those tests.

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