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Newsweek magazine recognized Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy again this week as one of the nation's top high schools.

The college-prep came in 276th in the magazine's list of 1,600 schools.

Of the six Idaho schools to make it on to the list, Charter's placement is the highest. The next Gem State school is Boise High School in spot 494.

The magazine determines the rankings by dividing the total number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or Cambridge tests taken at each school in 2009 by the number of graduating seniors.

Schools with as many graduating seniors as tests taken make it onto the list each year.

Last year, Coeur d'Alene Charter was in spot 261, out of 1,300 schools that made the list.

Just 6 percent of the nation's 27,000 public high schools met the benchmark.

Charter is the only northern Idaho school on the list. It has been recognized previously on similar lists compiled by U.S. World & News Report and Businessweek.

Coeur d'Alene Press website.