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**US NEWS & World Report: Best High Schools Recognizes
The International Leadership Charter High School**

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International Leadership Charter High School was a recipient of the 2020 Best of The Bronx Award in the Secondary Schools category by the Bronx Award Program.

The International Leadership Charter High School is School is a high performing college-preparatory high school dedicated to providing students from the Bronx with an exceptional high school education.

In the midst of the Coronavirus Pandemic, high accolades were delivered to **International Leadership** for its outstanding academic achievement and student outcomes. A welcome ray of sunshine during this public health crisis. On April 21, 2020, **U.S. News and World Report** issued its national rankings on **Best High Schools**. The International Leadership Charter High School ranked in the top third of the 548 New York City high schools ranked by U.S. News and World report and ranked in the top 2.5% of 17,792 schools on U.S. News's national Math & Reading Performance ranking. The school's performance in Math and Reading Performance, demonstrates that International Leadership is one of the most effective schools in the country at preparing students of "Economic Disadvantage" for end of grade state assessments. (see link for details) In addition, International Leadership's four-year graduation rate of 95% (in 2017-2018) ranked in the top 25% of public high schools in New York State and we have a college admissions rate of 100%.

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/new-york/districts/new-york-city-public-schools/international-leadership-charter-school-13474>

Dr. Elaine Ruiz Lopez, Chief Executive Officer and Founder states “As the first Charter High School that was established in the Bronx on September 11, 2006, we had a unique opportunity and an obligation to be intentional in the implementation of an academically rigorous college prep sequence to provide a superior high school education. Dr. Ruiz Lopez adds that the vision beyond the completion of a 4-year college degree is changing lives and transforming communities one scholar at a time.”

Our charter high school has been consistently recognized by US NEWS & World Report: Best High Schools from 2013 through 2020 for our student achievement outcomes for graduation rates and performance on NYS Regents exams. In addition, International Leadership Ranked among America's Top High Schools 2018: Beating the Odds for Low Income Students. In 2014, Newsweek ranked International Leadership as #137 in the nation for *Beating the Odds for Students Living in Poverty* in its 2014 "Top High Schools" Special Edition

Our mission is to implement an academically rigorous curriculum to elevate students' intellectual capacity, and provide a superior college prep experience that prepares our scholars for 4-year colleges and universities of their choice. Our student performance outcomes have consistently exceeded city and statewide graduation rates, outperformed on the New York State Regents exams, and focused on the development of leadership skills with a commitment to community service.