



Hancock among safest school districts

Are your children safe at school?

According to the website www.NYup.com, they are at Hancock.

The Hancock Central School District ranks among the top 50 safest school districts in upstate New York, NYup.com reported earlier this year. Hancock earned a safety grade of “A” and ranks 48th, based on data collected and analyzed by the research company Niche.

“The health, safety and welfare of our students and staff are our top priorities,” HCSD Superintendent Terrance Dougherty said. “While we are very pleased to be ranked among the 50 safest school districts in upstate New York, our goal is to continuously improve and advance our on-campus safety program.”

Dougherty noted there are nearly 500 school districts in upstate New York. NYup.com ranked only the top 50 safest upstate New York school districts, using Niche’s research as a baseline. Niche ranks Hancock 87th out of 692 districts in the entire state and 674th out of 11,770 districts nationally with regard to safety.

Niche produces an annual list of rankings that honor the best high schools in the country with the help of parent/student surveys, the National Center for Education Statistics, and Civil Rights Data Collection. The Niche rankings, which include a sub-category for safety in school districts that serve grade K-12 students, are sortable by state at www.niche.com/k12/rankings/.

NYup.com’s upstate NY safety rankings include the Deposit Central School District. The Lumberjacks earned an “A-plus” and rank 32nd.

Deposit and Hancock are the only Delaware County school districts ranked in the top 50. They often play together as the Deposit-Hancock Eagles during the fall, winter and spring sports seasons. Last spring, the Eagles won the Class D state championship in baseball.

Other Section 4 schools in NYup.com’s top 50 safety rankings are Milford (50th, Otsego County); Edmeston (46th, Otsego); Vestal (23rd, Broome); Maine-Endwell (15th, Broome); Lansing (14th, Tompkins); Chenango Forks (10th, Broome); and Corning (6th, Steuben).

NYup’s complete top-50 upstate NY safety rankings are available online at <https://www.newyorkupstate.com/expo/news/erry-2018/08/0e72b79fcd3626/the-safest-schools-in-upstate.html>

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