REDWOOD CITY - *U.S. News & World Report* today named three high schools that are part of the Summit Public Schools network among the top in California and the nation, awarding all three with gold medal distinctions. Summit Preparatory Charter School was ranked the 21st best school in the state and Everest Public High School 24th, putting both in the top 0.8 percent of schools in the nation. Summit Tahoma was ranked 67th in California, or in the top 3 percent of U.S. schools.

“This recognition reflects the hard work of our teachers, staff and students,” said Diane Tavenner, CEO of Summit Public Schools. “At Summit, we know that every student can achieve their full potential and achieve the goals they set for themselves. Thank you to our team of educators for their hard work each and every day to make sure that our kids achieve academic excellence.”

U.S. News and World Report factors in several criteria, including students' performance on state tests, whether historically underserved students performed better than the state average, college readiness based on Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate participation and performance, and graduation rates.

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Summit prepares students to develop skills that not only prepare them for success in college, but for success in life. Students are guided to become self-directed learners, setting goals and tracking their progress toward achieving them so they graduate knowing that their future possibilities are directly connected to what they accomplish each day. Instruction is structured around working in groups, requiring students to manage complex relationships with people, and compelling students to exercise problem-solving skills and think creatively.

Last year, 99% of Summit Public School graduates were accepted into four-year colleges. Summit graduates are completing college within six years or less at double the national average.

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About Summit Public Schools
Summit Public Schools is a leading charter management organization serving diverse communities across the San Francisco Bay Area and Washington state. Summit operates 11 schools enrolling approximately 2,500 students. The organization launched over a decade ago with a deeply held belief that all children deserved a high-quality public education. Its mission is to ensure that every student has the opportunity to not only attend, but succeed in, a four-year college or university. Summit’s schools consistently rank among the best in California and the nation, and its graduates are completing college at double the national average. At Summit, 99% of graduating seniors are accepted into at least one four-year college. In 2015, this included more than 1,030 college acceptances across 38 states. For more information, visit www.summitps.org.