

Summary of Minnesota Schools in Newsweek's "1,300 Top U.S. Schools"

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Public schools are ranked according to a ratio devised by Jay Mathews: the number of Advanced Placement, Intl. Baccalaureate and/or Cambridge tests taken by all students at a school in 2007 divided by the number of graduating seniors. All of the schools on the list have an index of at least 1.000; they are in the top 5 percent of public schools measured this way.

If you have questions about the list, please contact challenge@washpost.com.

Note: Subs. Lunch % is the percentage of students receiving federally subsidized meals. E and E % stands for equity and excellence percentage: the portion of all graduating seniors at a school that had at least one passing grade on one AP or IB test.

RANK	School	Location	STATE	Index	Subs.Lunch%	E & E %
93	Edina	Edina	Minn.	3.685	8	32.5
209	St. Louis Park **	St. Louis Park	Minn.	2.754	23.9	45
215	Southwest **	Minneapolis	Minn.	2.732	39	19.7
436	Eastview	Apple Valley	Minn.	2.134	7	47.2
497	St. Anthony Village	St. Anthony	Minn.	2.029	15.4	46.1
531	Minnetonka **	Minnetonka	Minn.	1.978	4	41
719	Mahtomedi	Mahtomedi	Minn.	1.699	3	43.9
863	Lakeville North	Lakeville	Minn.	1.537	5	47.4
890	Patrick Henry **	Minneapolis	Minn.	1.505	74	28
940	Wayzata	Plymouth	Minn.	1.455	13	40.4
1021	Irondale	New Brighton	Minn.	1.377	22.2	31.1
1041	Mounds View	Arden Hills	Minn.	1.359	7.3	40.2
1051	Simley	Inver Grove Heights	Minn.	1.352	20.3	18.4
1084	Hopkins	Minnetonka	Minn.	1.318	21	33.3
1187	Highland Park **	St. Paul	Minn.	1.228	48	26
1194	South	Minneapolis	Minn.	1.223	36	32.3
1252	Brainerd	Brainerd	Minn.	1.16	32	27.3
1253	Eden Prairie	Eden Prairie	Minn.	1.159	10.4	25.3
1311	South St. Paul **	South St. Paul	Minn.	1.109	27.4	23.9
1400	Apple Valley	Apple Valley	Minn.	1.025	16.5	19.5
1401	Century	Rochester	Minn.	1.024	13	29.1

AP and IB participation are indicators of a school's effort to get students to excel and prepare for college.

****Includes IB. Nearly all other schools use just AP tests.**