



# The Top of the Class for 2008: Classen School of Advanced Studies Ranked #14!

## The complete list of the 1,500 top U.S. high 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 2008 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 6 percent of public schools measured this way.

If you have questions about the list, please contact [challenge@washpost.com](mailto: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.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>INDEX</u>	<u>SUBS. LUNCH</u>	<u>E&amp;E</u>
1	Talented and Gifted	Dallas	Texas	16.109	25	65.2
2	Science/Engineering Magnet	Dallas	Texas	14.89	49	100
3	Jefferson County IBS	Irondale	Ala.	13.403	11	100
4	Stanton College Prep **	Jacksonville	Fla.	11.462	4	100
5	BASIS Charter	Tucson	Ariz.	11.35	n/a	100
6	Paxon School for Advanced Studies	Jacksonville	Fla.	9.638	n/a	79
7	Suncoast Community **	Riviera Beach	Fla.	9.113	15	87
8	Corbett	Corbett	Ore.	9.111	25	32
9	North Hills Prep**	Irving	Texas	8.639	2	93.5
10	Preuss UCSD	La Jolla	Calif.	8.33	100	100
11	International School	Bellevue	Wash.	7.531	5	100
12	Academic Magnet	North Charleston	S.C.	7.416	9	100
13	City Honors **	Buffalo	N.Y.	7.186	28	96
14	Classen School of Advanced Studies	Oklahoma City	Okla.	7.058	25	33
15	School for Advanced Studies	Miami	Fla.	7.044	42	81.8
16	Oxford Academy	Cypress	Calif.	6.94	17	100
17	Communications Arts	San Antonio	Texas	6.839	14	60
18	Interlake **	Bellevue	Wash.	6.838	24	58
19	The Early College at Guilford	Greensboro	N.C.	6.633	7	92
20	Eastside**	Gainesville	Fla.	6.624	47	46
21	University	Tucson	Ariz.	6.318	15	100

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22	International Academy	Bloomfield Hills	Mich.	6.159	3	100
23	Highland Park	Dallas	Texas	6.108	n/a	71.5
24	Connecticut IB Academy**	East Hartford	Conn.	6.05	32	22.5
25	Center for Advanced Technologies	St. Petersburg	Fla.	6.011	14	24
26	Coral Reef **	Miami	Fla.	5.874	37	65
27	Signature **	Evansville	Ind.	5.765	8	88
28	Sturgis Charter Public	Hyannis	Mass.	5.721	10	93
29	Hume-Fogg Academic	Nashville	Tenn.	5.514	13	90
30	Martin Luther King Academic Magnet	Nashville	Tenn.	5.481	16	96
31	Northcoast Preparatory and Performing Arts	Arcata	Calif.	5.444	35	89
32	Troy **	Fullerton	Calif.	5.442	13	59
33	Science Academy of South Texas	Mercedes	Texas	5.43	44	n/a
34	Raleigh Charter	Raleigh	N.C.	5.375	n/a	100
35	Newport	Bellevue	Wash.	5.348	7	77
36	Liberal Arts and Science Academy	Austin	Texas	5.299	25	68
37	H-B Woodlawn	Arlington	Va.	5.25	13	86
38	Jericho	Jericho	N.Y.	5.193	n/a	80
39	Richard Montgomery**	Rockville	Md.	5.188	16	62
40	Pacific Collegiate	Santa Cruz	Calif.	5.182	n/a	100
41	Pine View School for the Gifted	Osprey	Fla.	5.067	7	100
42	Clarke County **	Berryville	Va.	5.061	13	80
43	Anderson School of Arts	Jacksonville	Fla.	5.054	8	50.4
44	Myers Park	Charlotte	N.C.	5.007	26	60
45	Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies	Los Angeles	Calif.	5	41	59
46	South Side**	Rockville Centre	N.Y.	4.955	13	78
47	Hillsborough**	Tampa	Fla.	4.935	60	42
48	Sammamish	Bellevue	Wash.	4.923	27	47
49	Rickards**	Tallahassee	Fla.	4.878	48	40
50	MAST Academy	Miami	Fla.	4.767	30	70
51	Dreyfoos School of the Arts	West Palm Beach	Fla.	4.714	11	80.5
52	Benjamin Franklin	New Orleans	La.	4.683	43	98
53	Atlantic Community **	Delray Beach	Fla.	4.659	41	53
54	Pensacola **	Pensacola	Fla.	4.573	61	34
55	Great Neck South	Great Neck	N.Y.	4.564	7	81
56	Bethesda-Chevy Chase	Bethesda	Md.	4.552	9	69
57	Hawthorne Math & Science Academy	Hawthorne	Calif.	4.545	77	73.4
58	Northside College Prep	Chicago	Ill.	4.52	32	93
59	Wootton	Rockville	Md.	4.499	5	75
60	San Diego High School for International Studies	San Diego	Calif.	4.476	52	78
61	Walnut Hills	Cincinnati	Ohio	4.475	17	82
62	Peak to Peak Charter	Lafayette	Colo.	4.447	6	69
63	Little Rock Central	Little Rock	Ark.	4.442	35	33
64	Rye	Rye	N.Y.	4.373	3	81
65	Bronxville	Bronxville	N.Y.	4.348	1	86
66	C. Leon King Magnet **	Tampa	Fla.	4.341	43	44.7
67	George Mason **	Falls Church	Va.	4.327	7	67
68	Washington-Lee **	Arlington	Va.	4.321	30	41
69	Lowell	San Francisco	Calif.	4.293	31	n/a

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70	Wyoming	Wyoming	Ohio	4.288	5	70
71	South Texas High School for Health Professions	Mercedes	Texas	4.275	55	60
72	W. T. Woodson	Fairfax	Va.	4.229	7	62
73	Westlake	Austin	Texas	4.216	3	62
74	Harrison	Harrison	N.Y.	4.179	13	52
75	Booker T. Washington** **	Tulsa	Okla.	4.175	38	41
76	Loveless Academic Magnet	Montgomery	Ala.	4.174	10	97
77	Cold Spring Harbor	Cold Spring Harbor	N.Y.	4.172	n/a	76
78	West Shore	Melbourne	Fla.	4.133	4	75
79	Bellevue	Bellevue	Wash.	4.132	9	60
80	Plant	Tampa	Fla.	4.131	11	41.9
81	YES Prep Southeast	Houston	Texas	4.052	77	67
82	Weaver Academy	Grensboro	N.C.	4.047	n/a	92
83	Enloe **	Raleigh	N.C.	4.04	28	n/a
84	Boca Raton Community	Boca Raton	Fla.	4.01	21	27.9
85	MATCH Charter	Boston	Mass.	4	71	36
86	McNair Academic	Jersey City	N.J.	3.993	45	80
87	Buchholz	Gainesville	Fla.	3.981	28	49
88	KIPP Houston	Houston	Texas	3.98	88	96
89	Westwood **	Austin	Texas	3.978	8	61.4
90	Northland Prep Academy	Flagstaff	Ariz.	3.966	5	76.7
91	Walton	Marietta	Ga.	3.943	3	52
92	International School of the Americas	San Antonio	Texas	3.917	16	49
93	Nease **	St. Augustine	Fla.	3.915	6	51
94	Mystic Valley Regional Charter**	Malden	Mass.	3.909	22	85
95	Winston Churchill	Potomac	Md.	3.897	3	76
96	Odyssey Academy **	Rochester	N.Y.	3.897	13	38
97	Metro Academic & Classical **	St. Louis	Mo.	3.885	31	56
98	Carnegie Vanguard	Houston	Texas	3.873	31	n/a
99	Fort Myers **	Fort Myers	Fla.	3.842	28	64
100	Yorktown	Arlington	Va.	3.809	13	63