

HOW DID YOUR SCHOOL DO? CHECK AT FH.SUNTIMES.COM/REPORTCARDS

THE TOP 50 SCHOOLS IN THE SIX-COUNTY CHICAGO AREA BY CATEGORY

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Area Rank	School, city	Percentile	State Rank
1	Keller Gifted*, Chicago	94.79	1
2	Decatur Classical*, Chicago	94.37	2
3	Lanart Gifted*, Chicago	93.51	3
4	Edison Gifted*, Chicago	93.22	4
5	Skinner Classical West*, Chicago	93.05	5
6	Braeside, Highland Park	93.24	7
7	Pos Classical*, Chicago	93.00	8
8	McNade Classical*, Chicago	92.93	10
9	Lincoln, Chicago	92.82	11
10	Highlands, Naperville	92.37	12
11	Romona, Wilmette	92.55	13
12	A Jackson Magnet, Chicago	92.43	14
13	Grove Avenue, Barrington	92.38	15
14	Half Day, Lincolnshire	92.15	16
15	Lincoln, River Forest	92.05	17
16	Bavaria, Highland Park	91.89	18
17	Brook Forest, Oak Brook	91.15	20
18	Hawthorne Magnet, Chicago	92.84	21
19	Orrington, Evanston	92.59	22
20	Kildeer Countryside, Long Grove	92.30	24
21	The Lane, Hinsdale	92.12	25
22	Walker, Clarendon Hills	91.94	26
23	Fry, Naperville	91.78	27
24	White Eagle, Naperville	91.65	28
25	John LaFolse, Western Springs	91.59	30
26	Ivy Hill, Buffalo Grove	91.59	30
27	Hough Street, Barrington	91.46	32
28	Avoca West, Glenview	91.38	33
29	Boil, Chicago	91.33	34
30	Prairie, Buffalo Grove	91.33	34
31	Willard, Evanston	91.14	35
32	Cherokee, Lake Forest	91.05	36
33	Herbert Hoover, Schaumburg	90.87	37
34	Wescott, Northbrook	90.87	37
35	Prospect, Clarendon Hills	90.78	39
36	Oriole Park, Chicago	90.59	40
37	Longfellow, Wheaton	90.39	40
38	Elm, Burr Ridge	90.39	40
39	Campbell, Schaumburg	90.51	43
40	Ivy Hill, Arlington Heights	90.46	44
41	Willowbrook, Glenview	90.32	45
42	Pleasant Hill, Palatine	79.90	46
43	Edgebrook, Chicago	79.87	47
44	Jefferson, Elmhurst	79.81	48
45	Lincoln, Elmhurst	79.73	49
46	Bell-Graham, St. Charles	79.67	50
47	Benjamin Franklin, Glen Ellyn	79.62	51
48	Field, Elmhurst	79.39	53
49	Roslyn Road, Barrington	79.30	54
50	Madison, Hinsdale	79.25	55
50	Lincoln, Highland Park	79.25	55

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Area Rank	School, city	Percentile	State Rank
1	Young Magnet*, Chicago	95.54	1
2	Keller Gifted*, Chicago	94.24	2
3	Edison Gifted*, Chicago	93.98	3
4	Lanart Gifted*, Chicago	92.81	4
5	Hawthorne Magnet, Chicago	91.04	7
6	Skinner Classical West*, Chicago	86.50	9
7	Oriole Park, Chicago	85.50	10
8	Butler, Oak Brook	85.15	11
9	Daniel Wright, Lincolnshire	84.88	12
10	McClure, Western Springs	84.80	12
11	Maple, Northbrook	84.66	14
12	Marie Murphy, Wilmette	84.57	15
13	Taft**, Chicago	84.09	16
14	Lincoln, Chicago	83.47	17
15	Kennedy, Lisle	83.02	18
16	Bell, Chicago	82.46	19
17	A Jackson Magnet, Chicago	82.43	20
18	Chopin, Chicago	82.20	21
19	Twin Groves, Buffalo Grove	82.20	21
20	Clarendon Hills, Clarendon Hills	81.51	23
21	Burley, Chicago	81.60	24
22	Woodlawn, Long Grove	80.98	25
23	Banneckburn, Banneckburn	80.78	26
24	The Joseph Soars, Kenilworth	80.43	27
25	Hinsdale Middle, Hinsdale	80.01	28
26	Carleton W Washb, Winnetka	79.90	29
27	Quaver Middle, Burr Ridge	79.62	30
28	Wilmette, Wilmette	79.33	31
29	Central, Chicago**	78.87	32
30	Central, Glenview	78.44	33
31	Roosevelt, River Forest	78.32	34
32	Edgebrook, Chicago	77.64	35
33	Rendout, Lake Forest	76.94	37
34	Sunset Ridge, Northfield	76.73	38
35	Haven, Evanston	76.73	38
36	George Gregory, Naperville	76.64	41
37	Scullen, Naperville	76.33	42
38	Thomas, Arlington Heights	76.33	42
39	Plum Grove, Rolling Meadows	75.95	46
40	Alan S Shepard, Deerfield	75.95	46
41	Prairie Cross Chalk, Graylake	75.90	48
42	Mgt Mead JHS, Elk Grove VIII	75.65	48
43	Aptakisic, Buffalo Grove	75.33	50
44	Lasalle Magnet, Chicago	75.17	51
45	Blaire, Chicago	74.79	52
46	Franklin Magnet, Chicago	74.76	53
47	Lindblom Prep*, Chicago	74.70	54
48	Norwood Park, Chicago	74.58	55
49	Clifford Cross, Naperville	74.28	55
50	Solomon, Chicago	74.05	57

HIGH SCHOOLS

Area Rank	School, city	Percentile	State Rank
1	Northside Prep*, Chicago	92.42	1
2	Young Magnet*, Chicago	87.43	2
3	Payton Prep*, Chicago	87.24	3
4	New Trier, Winnetka	85.42	4
5	Hinsdale Central, Hinsdale	83.92	5
6	Deerfield, Deerfield	82.19	6
7	Stevenson, Lincolnshire	82.16	7
8	Glenbrook North, Northbrook	82.05	8
9	Jones Prep*, Chicago	79.37	9
10	Lake Forest, Lake Forest	78.17	10
11	Vernon Hills, Vernon Hills	78.17	11
12	Naperville Central, Naperville	76.43	12
13	Nequa Valley, Naperville	76.35	13
14	Libertyville, Libertyville	76.32	14
15	Highland Park, Highland Park	75.65	15
16	Barrington, Barrington	74.86	17
17	Prospect, Mt Prospect	74.66	18
18	Naperville North, Naperville	74.63	19
19	Lane Technical*, Chicago	73.93	20
20	Dwars Gr N, Downers Grove	73.28	21
21	Fremd, Palatine	73.14	22
22	Hersey, Arlington Heights	72.67	23
23	Maine South, Park Ridge	72.11	24
24	Glenbrook South, Glenview	72.07	25
25	Oak Park/R. Forest, Oak Park	71.05	28
26	Lake Zurich, Lake Zurich	70.80	29
27	Wheaton North, Wheaton	70.60	30
28	Lyons Twp, La Grange	70.76	31
29	Geneva Community, Geneva	70.14	32
30	St Charles North, St Charles	69.90	34
31	Batavia Sr, Batavia	68.31	36
32	York Comm, Elmhurst	68.28	37
33	Riverside Brookfield, Riverside	68.26	38
34	Cary-Grove Community, Cary	68.20	40
35	Metea Valley, Aurora	68.04	41
36	St Charles East, St Charles	67.97	42
37	Lindblom Prep*, Chicago	67.52	43
38	J B Conant, Hoffman Estates	67.23	45
39	Wheat Warrenville S., Wheaton	67.11	46
40	Lemont, Lemont	66.48	51
41	Prairie Ridge, Crystal Lake	66.20	53
42	Central, Burlington	65.80	54
43	Waubesaie Valley, Aurora	65.72	56
44	Prov Math/Sci Ac*, Forest Park	65.57	57
45	Carl Sandburg, Orland Park	65.19	60
46	Glenbard South, Glen Ellyn	65.13	61
47	Lisle, Lisle	64.55	64
48	Elk Grove, Elk Grove Village	64.33	66
49	Marengo, Marengo	64.12	70
50	Graylake Central, Graylake	63.84	74

* Tests used to select all students

** Tests used to select 10th- & 11th-graders

HOW THE SUN-TIMES RANKED THE SCHOOLS

For a more than a decade, the Chicago Sun-Times has based its exclusive rankings of schools on average scores on state achievement tests, not on the percentage who meet state standards — a measure that has come under criticism.

Only 2011 reading and math results from the Illinois Standards Achievement Tests and the Prairie State Achievement Exams taken last March and April were analyzed. Results in those subjects can trigger sanctions under the federal No Child Left Behind law.

Elementary school rankings are based on schools that tested at least two grades, third to fifth.

Middle-school rankings reflect at least two tested grades, sixth through eighth. High school rankings are based on 11th-grade results. A K-8 school could be ranked among both elementary and middle schools.

The rankings use a statistical method called standardizing to analyze the "scale score" of every reading and math test statewide.

The method compares each test score with

the state average and creates a school average that's compared with other schools' averages. Standardizing levels the playing field in years when one test might be harder to pass than others.

The rankings include percentiles, reflecting the percentage of Illinois students who scored the same as or worse than the average student at each ranked school.

Sun-Times staff reporter Art Golab performed the analyses.