

THE BIG HIGH SCHOOL RANKING

Overall ranking based on rank in six key areas (number in red). T denotes a tie.

rank	school / town / district	DSTP reading/math	SAT math/verbal/writing	AP courses	Students per teacher	Grad rate (%)	Dropout rate (%)
1	CHARTER SCHOOL OF WILMINGTON Wilmington / Red Clay	577/620 1	635/630/609 1	19 3	20 36	98.7 1	0.5 5
2	SUSSEX TECH Georgetown / Sussex Technical	534/543 3	502/501/483 3	1 28	12 2T	95.5 6	1.2 8
3	CAB CALLOWAY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS Wilmington / Red Clay	545/567 2	494/515/517 2	10 14T	19 35	97.1 2T	0.2 1T
4	POLYTECH Woodside / Polytech	526/542 9	467/469/461 17	5 24	13 4T	96.3 4	0.3 3
5	MIDDLETOWN Middletown / Appoquinimink	521/543 10	479/480/474 14	18 4T	15 11T	88.4 9	3.6 14T
6T	CONCORD Wilmington / Brandywine	530/540 7	501/491/482 8	17 7T	16 18T	85 11	3.8 16T
6T	MILFORD Milford / Milford	524/544 8	496/499/484 6T	7 19T	14 8T	84.7 12	3.6 14T
8T	A.I. DUPONT Wilmington / Red Clay	529/547 4	491/498/491 5	20 2	18 32T	80.1 16	1.9 9
8T	BRANDYWINE Wilmington / Brandywine	524/536 13	495/497/487 6T	18 4T	15 11T	82.7 15	4.2 19
10	MOUNT PLEASANT Wilmington / Brandywine	520/537 15	484/483/473 13	14 10T	15 11T	79.9 17	3.8 16T
11	CAPE HENLOPEN Lewes / Cape Henlopen	525/538 12	509/496/479 4	8 18	16 18T	78.5 18	3.2 12
12	DELAWARE MILITARY ACADEMY Wilmington / Red Clay	529/545 5	486/493/479 10	3 25T	17 26T	88.5 8	2.3 11
13	DOVER Dover / Capital	516/533 18	464/461/447 18T	17 7T	15 11T	74.3 21	3.9 18
14	DELCASTLE TECH Wilmington / NCC VoTech	514/531 21T	443/333/436 27	0 29T	13 4T	94.0 7	0.7 6
15	INDIAN RIVER Dagsboro / Indian River	526/538 11	495/484/465 12	6 22T	17 26T	84.5 13	3.4 13
16	HODGSON VO-TECH Newark / NCC VoTech	513/532 21T	464/432/432 26	0 29T	16 18T	95.6 5	0.2 1T
17	CAESAR RODNEY Camden-Wyoming / Caesar Rodney	527/544 6	478/481/469 15	14 10T	18 32T	83.1 14	7.1 24T
18T	DELMAR Delmar / Delmar	522/536 14	474/482/468 16	3 25T	16 18T	86.8 10	4.3 20
18T	HOWARD SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY Wilmington / NCC VoTech	507/524 29	419/409/406 32	0 29T	13 4T	97.1 2T	1.0 7
20	NEWARK Newark / Christina	514/532 20	497/495/481 9	23 1	18 32T	72.9 24	7.5 27
21	SUSSEX CENTRAL Georgetown / Indian River	520/534 16	474/450/445 20	7 19T	16 18T	74 22	4.7 21
22	LAKE FOREST Felton / Lake Forest	504/529 28	468/454/442 21	14 10T	15 11T	72.5 25	6.1 23
23	SMYRNA Smyrna / Smyrna	513/531 23	493/480/475 11	7 19T	17 26T	76.7 19	5.3 22
24	MCKEAN Wilmington / Red Clay	501/520 32	453/461/442 22	15 9	16 18T	67.3 28	8.6 28T
25	SEAFORD Seaford / Seaford	514/527 24	460/445/437 23	9 16T	16 18T	68.6 27	9.9 32
26	LAUREL Laurel / Laurel	516/522 25T	448/472/452 18T	6 22T	15 11T	56.3 32	8.9 30
27	GLASGOW Newark / Christina	496/514 33	444/453/436 24	18 4T	17 26T	73.9 23	10.0 33T
28	CAMPUS COMMUNITY Dover	516/522 25T	415/460/445 29	0 29T	15 11T	61.8 29	7.1 24T
29	CHRISTIANA Newark / Christina	493/513 34	436/446/439 28	13 13	16 18T	76.0 20	12.6 36
30	DICKINSON Wilmington / Red Clay	507/531 25T	451/450/429 25	10 14T	17 26T	61.3 30	9.6 31
31	WILLIAM PENN New Castle / Colonial	508/522 30T	443/434/432 30	9 16T	17 26T	71.8 26	7.3 26
32	WOODBIDGE Bridgeville / Woodbridge	508/522 30T	423/439/437 31	3 25T	14 8T	61 31	10 33T
NR*	APPOQUINIMINK Middletown / Appoquinimink			0 29T	37 37		
NR*	MAURICE J. MOYER ACADEMY Wilmington / Charter	484/501 36			13 4T		8.6 28T
NR*	PENCADER BUSINESS-FINANCE New Castle / Charter	516/532 19			12 2T		2.1 10
NR*	POSITIVE OUTCOMES Camden / Positive Outcomes	492/503 35		0 29T	9 1	55.6 33	12.2 35
NR*	ST. GEORGE'S TECH Wilmington / NCC VoTech	520/532 17			14 8T		0.4 4

*Not Ranked: Data not available in all categories.

school / town / district	expense per student	programs / technology / honors
CHARTER OF WILMINGTON	\$10,008 7T	The strength of the school is attributed to its students' desire to achieve in its core areas of study—math and science.
SUSSEX TECH	\$15,404 32	Recognized as a National School of Excellence, Sussex Tech was also honored by the Library of Congress as a "Library of the Future."
CAB CALLOWAY	\$10,008 7T	Governor's Awards for the Arts, National Scholastic Art and Writing medals are just some of Cab's many awards.
POLYTECH	\$15,336 31	Polytech's Career Exploratory program gives ninth graders the opportunity to visit each career and technical area.
MIDDLETOWN	\$9,510 4T	With an overflow of student organizations—from rodeos and snowboards to drama and music—Middletown welcomes everyone.
CONCORD	\$12,915 27T	Physics teacher Judson Wagner is a reigning Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching winner.
MILFORD	\$10,091 14	The web-based Career Cruising program helps students identify career interests and college choices.
A.I. DUPONT	\$10,008 7T	A.I. is revered for its strong academics and its Tiger Marching Band, which regularly marches in the Rose Parade.
BRANDYWINE	\$12,915 27T	With a strong Advanced Placement program and an excellent theater arts program, Brandywine is truly well rounded.
MT. PLEASANT	\$12,915 27T	Mount Pleasant has an outstanding teaching staff, with more than 65 percent holding master's or doctoral degrees.
CAPE HENLOPEN	\$14,085 30	Technology integration is working its way into the curriculum, as are wireless capabilities and energy efficiency.
DEL. MILITARY	\$10,008 7T	Students are fostered into DMA's core values and honor code and consequently excel in leadership and community service programs.
DOVER	\$12,141 26	Dover is proud of its 38 AP Scholars recognized by the College Board, as well as its nationally recognized dance program.
DELCASTLE	\$16,986 34T	Boasts 22 career programs, including the popular and well-known culinary arts program. Student-to-teacher ratio has improved greatly.
INDIAN RIVER	\$10,149 15T	From its expansive new facilities, Indian River excels with its business, agriculture, graphic design and construction technology programs.
HODGSON	\$16,986 34T	The 18 distinct and detailed career programs at Hodgson are capped off by the "Senior Challenge," which lets students show their skills.
CAESAR RODNEY	\$9,659 6	CR boasts award-winning programs in visual arts, photography, film and music, plus its popular agriscience program.
DELMAR	\$9,442 3	Offers career and technical education pathways in areas like business and agriculture, which prepare students for work after high school.
HOWARD	\$16,986 34T	Strong business partnerships can lead to employment after graduation—in fields from electrical to dentistry.
NEWARK	\$10,890 18T	Newark is leading the way with business, finance and IT, offering students courses in banking, accounting, marketing and technology.
SUSSEX CENTRAL	\$10,149 15T	Athletics stand out at Sussex Central (Delaware state champions in wrestling and softball), as does its Freshman Academy program.
LAKE FOREST	\$11,229 22	The past five graduating classes have earned more than \$6 million in scholarship and award money.
SMYRNA	\$9,346 2	Agriscience and business education are among Smyrna's exemplary programs being utilized by its quickly growing student population.
MCKEAN	\$10,008 7T	McKean offers 15 AP courses plus unique course programs in biotechnology, animal science and family and consumer science.
SEAFORD	\$11,577 24	The diverse student body is prepared for life after high school, thanks to many activities, athletics and leadership programs.
LAUREL	\$11,118 21	Pre-career and credit recovery programs and increased academic advisement have helped curb the dropout rate.
GLASGOW	\$10,890 18T	Leaders say the newly implemented credit recovery program will help to improve its graduation rate in the coming years.
CAMPUS COMM.	\$8,928 1	Superior technology and research materials enhance the coursework. Courses at Wesley College replace traditional AP courses.
CHRISTIANA	\$10,890 18T	Christiana is in the midst of a reform that will emphasize college preparation and more access to vocational and technical studies.
DICKINSON	\$10,008 7T	Big on technology and business studies, Dickinson offers a Microsoft IT program and business technology courses.
WILLIAM PENN	\$10,032 13	Technology is integral at Penn, where students may enroll in a program that sees them design, build and maintain computer networks.
WOODBIDGE	\$11,851 25	The agricultural program at Woodbridge has been honored statewide and highlighted each year in a variety of venues such as the State Fair.
APPOQUINIMINK	\$9,510 4T	An excited student population and eager faculty will help the brand-new school break in its impressive teaching kitchen and media suites.
MOYER ACADEMY	\$11,272 23	Though it's experiencing growing pains, Moyer will move into a permanent home early in 2009.
PENCADER	\$10,284 17	A partnership with UD's Center for Economic Education helps students understand the intricate issues of today's global market.
POSITIVE	\$16,354 33	While the school may perform below the state average on tests, the yearly growth seen in most students is impressive.
ST. GEORGE'S	\$16,986 34T	St. George's 14 career programs are overseen by an advisory group of related business representatives, covering plumbing to biotech fields.