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<u>9th Grade Girls</u> <u>(Last Season's 8th Grade)</u>	<u>8th Grade Girls</u> <u>(Last Season's 7th Grade)</u>	<u>7th Grade Girls</u> <u>(Last Season's 6th Grade)</u>	<u>6th Grade Girls</u> <u>(Last Season's 5th Grade)</u>
1. Marathon	1. Onalaska Suns	1. D. C. Everest	1. Onalaska Suns
2. Fall River	2. Bloomer St. Paul	2. Onalaska Suns	2. Clayton
3. Stanley-Boyd	3. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Flight Red	3. Marshfield	3. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue
4. White Bear Lake Orange	4. Esko	4. Hudson White	4. Bloomer
5. Fall Creek	5. Somerset	5. Stevens Point Red	5. Cloquet
6. Eau Claire Hurricanes	6. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue	6. Hayward	6. River Falls Blue
7. West Salem Black	7. Hudson White	7. Cameron	7. Superior
8. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Flight Red	8. Stevens Point	8. Holmen Lady Vikings	8. Stevens Point Red
9. Eau Claire Shooting Starz	9. Winona YMCA	9. Merrill	9. Hudson White
10. Holmen Shockers	10. Wittenberg-Birnamwood	10. West Salem	10. Osseo-Fairchild
11. Adams-Friendship	11. D. C. Everest	11. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue	11. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Flight Red
12. Hayward Gold	12. Marshfield	12. Eau Claire Volunteers Red	12. Winona YMCA White
13. Black River Falls	13. Baraboo	13. Bloomer	13. Chisago Lakes
14. Marshfield	14. Northwestern	14. Goodhue	14. Elk Mound Orange
15. Winona YMCA	15. Durand Purple	15. Bangor	15. Melrose-Mindoro
16. Rice Lake	16. Elk Mound	16. Hermantown	16. Northwestern
17. Assumption	17. White Bear Lake Orange	17. La Crosse Central Red	17. Cameron
18. Cloquet	18. Boyceville	18. Cochrane-Fountain City	18. Colfax
19. Amherst	19. Rhinelander	19. Eau Claire Eagles	19. Alma Center
20. Dodgeville	20. Chippewa Falls MAXX	20. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Flight Red	20. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln
21. Stevens Point Red	21. La Crosse Central Red	21. Chippewa Falls MAXX	21. Blair-Taylor
22. Lancaster	22. Eau Claire Shamrocks	22. Marathon Red	22. Eau Claire Eagles Purple
23. Stratford Black	23. Holmen Hurricanes	23. Osseo-Fairchild	23. Eau Claire Shamrocks
24. Merrill	24. Eau Claire Lightning	24. Rice Lake	24. D. C. Everest Green
25. La Crosse Logan	25. Antigo	25. Wittenberg-Birnamwood	25. West Salem Black
26. Colfax	26. Superior	26. Eau Claire Shamrocks	26. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau Blue
27. Altoona	27. Duluth East	27. Colfax	27. D. C. Everest White
28. Hudson	28. Colfax	28. Tomah	28. Eau Claire Volunteers Red
29. Colby	29. Rice Lake	29. Menomonie White	29. Shawano Community
30. Reedsburg Area	30. Black River Falls	30. Baldwin-Woodville	30. Wausau West
31. Glenwood City	31. Arcadia	31. Flambeau	31. Hayward
32. Columbus	32. Altoona	32. St. Croix Central	32. Menomonie Maroon

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1. Stevens Point Red	1. Onalaska Royals	1. Onalaska Royals	1. Wausau East
2. Marshall	2. La Crosse Central Red	2. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	2. Merrill
3. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Hoops Red	3. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	3. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Hoops Red	3. Marshfield Black
4. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau	4. Northwestern	4. Stevens Point Red	4. Bloomer
5. Marathon White	5. West Salem Black	5. Merrill	5. Stratford
6. D. C. Everest Gold	6. White Bear Lake Orange	6. Eau Claire Rebels White	6. Iola-Scandinavia
7. Neillsville	7. Marshfield	7. Holmen Vikings	7. Winona YMCA Red
8. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	8. Cochrane-Fountain City	8. Altoona Black	8. Clear Lake
9. Rice Lake Blue	9. Owen-Withee	9. Tomah	9. Melrose-Mindoro Green
10. Menomonie White	10. Holmen Vikings	10. Marshfield Black	10. Lake City
11. Baraboo Blue	11. Hudson White	11. Bangor	11. Holmen Vikings
12. Winona YMCA	12. Arcadia	12. Bloomer	12. Sparta
13. Amherst	13. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Hoops Red	13. Arcadia	13. Fall Creek Green
14. Arcadia	14. Fall Creek	14. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln	14. Onalaska Royals
15. Spencer	15. La Crosse Logan Red	15. Red Wing	15. Esko
16. Black River Falls	16. Superior Blue	16. Esko	16. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Hoops Red
17. Marshfield Black	17. Hermantown	17. Cloquet	17. Cambridge-Isanti
18. White Bear Lake Orange	18. Prescott	18. D. C. Everest Green	18. Elk Mound
19. Superior	19. Wausau East	19. Melrose-Mindoro	19. Columbus Catholic
20. Lakeland	20. Assumption	20. Winona YMCA	20. Cloquet
21. Red Wing	21. Antigo	21. Assumption	21. Cochrane-Fountain City
22. Newman Catholic	22. Eau Claire Swish	22. Baraboo	22. Osseo-Fairchild
23. River Falls White	23. D. C. Everest Green	23. Stillwater White	23. Northwestern Black
24. Holmen Rimrockers	24. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln	24. Rice Lake	24. Eau Claire Rebels Black
25. Melrose-Mindoro	25. Eau Claire Rebels	25. La Crosse Logan Red	25. Duluth East
26. Iola-Scandinavia	26. River Falls Blue	26. Amherst Blue	26. McDonell Area Catholic School
27. Altoona Red	27. Eleva-Strum	27. Black River Falls	27. Ashland
28. Eau Claire Rebels	28. Wausau West Blue	28. Stillwater Red	28. Superior
29. Rhinelander	29. Eau Claire Hoyas	29. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau Red	29. Menomonie White
30. Colfax	30. Chippewa Falls MAXX	30. Columbus Catholic	30. Altoona Red
31. Holmen All-Stars	31. Melrose-Mindoro	31. Stanley-Boyd	31. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau White
32. Bloomer	32. Merrill	32. Cambridge-Isanti Blue	32. Antigo