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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.	1. Forest Lake	1. Onalaska Suns	1. Hudson
2.	2. Marshall	2. Melrose-Mindoro	2. Onalaska Suns
3. Will	3. Cloquet	3. Stevens Point	3. Unity
4.	4. Wausau West	4. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Flight Red	4. Stevens Point Red
5. Be	5. Red Wing	5. Cochrane-Fountain City	5. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln
6.	6. Bloomer	6. La Crosse Logan	6. St. Croix Falls
7. Posted	7. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln	7. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue	7. Marshfield Black
8.	8. Eau Claire Eagles	8. Colfax	8. Hermantown
9. soon	9. Stevens Point Red	9. Bloomer	9. Ladysmith
10.	10. Eau Claire Shamrocks	10. Aquinas	10. Merrill
11.	11. Durand	11. Augusta	11. Fall Creek
12.	12. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue	12. Boyceville	12. Baraboo
13.	13. Elk Mound Orange	13. Ladysmith	13. Wittenberg-Biramwood
14.	14. D. C. Everest	14. Red Wing	14. La Crosse Central Black
15.	15. Osseo-Fairchild	15. River Falls Gold	15. Westby
16.	16. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau Blue	16. Fall Creek	16. Colfax
17.	17. River Falls Gold	17. Osseo-Fairchild	17. Neillsville
18.	18. Onalaska Suns	18. Clear Lake	18. West Salem Black
19.	19. Menomonie Maroon	19. La Crosse Central Red	19. Assumption
20.	20. Hudson White	20. Newman Catholic	20. Aquinas
21.	21. Alma Center	21. North Branch	21. Eau Claire Shamrocks White
22.	22. Superior	22. New Richmond	22. Duluth East Lightning
23.	23. Tomah	23. Hudson	23. Cochrane-Fountain City
24.	24. Wisconsin Dells	24. Northwestern	24. D. C. Everest
25.	25. Shawano Community	25. Prentice	25. Eau Claire Eagles
26.	26. Portage	26. Superior	26. Antigo
27.	27. Merrill	27. Eau Claire Shamrocks	27. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Flight Red
28.	28. Aquinas	28. D. C. Everest	28. Lakeland
29.	29. Colfax	29. Owen-Withee Black	29. Altoona
30.	30. Auburndale	30. West Salem	30. Red Wing
31.	31. Neillsville	31. Unity	31. Elk Mound
32.	32. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Flight Red	32. Pine City	32. Chippewa Falls MAXX

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1. Onalaska Royals	1. Winona YMCA Black	1. La Crosse Central Red	1. Holmen Maroon
2. Bangor	2. Bloomer	2. Onalaska Royals	2. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln
3. Merrill	3. Hudson	3. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Hoops Red	3. Onalaska Royals
4. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau Red	4. Merrill	4. Lake City	4. Superior
5. Black River Falls	5. Iola-Scandinavia	5. D. C. Everest Green	5. Eau Claire Rebels
6. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	6. Clear Lake	6. Marshfield Black	6. Edgar
7. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Hoops Red	7. Esko	7. Holmen Vikings	7. Unity
8. Baraboo	8. River Falls Blue	8. Menomonie Gold	8. Elk Mound Black
9. Holmen Vikings	9. La Crosse Central Red	9. Stratford	9. Eau Claire Eagles Purple
10. Rhinelander Green	10. Holmen Vikings	10. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	10. Wausau West
11. La Crosse Logan Red	11. Marshfield Black	11. Stevens Point Red	11. Esko
12. Tomah	12. Mauston	12. Mauston	12. Rhinelander
13. Altoona Black	13. La Crescent Green	13. Hermantown	13. Hudson Silver
14. Melrose-Mindoro	14. Marathon	14. Winona YMCA Black	14. Marshfield
15. Esko	15. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Hoops Red	15. Wisconsin Dells	15. Hudson Black
16. Eau Claire Rebels White	16. Cochrane-Fountain City	16. La Crosse Logan Red	16. Chippewa Falls Cardinal Hoops Red
17. Bloomer	17. Fall Creek	17. Holmen White	17. Cameron
18. Cloquet	18. Altoona Red	18. New Richmond	18. Altoona Red
19. Wittenberg-Biramwood	19. Menomonie White	19. Eau Claire Fusion	19. Duluth East
20. Amherst	20. Ashland	20. Cambridge-Isanti Blue	20. Altoona Black
21. Marshfield Black	21. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	21. Merrill	21. Stratford
22. Arcadia	22. Duluth East	22. Esko	22. Northwestern
23. Ashland	23. Stratford	23. Hudson Silver	23. Bangor
24. Winona YMCA	24. Hermantown	24. Northwestern	24. Blair-Taylor
25. Marathon	25. Rice Lake Blue	25. Prescott Red	25. Columbus Catholic
26. Antigo Maroon	26. Cloquet	26. Altoona Black	26. Tomah Black
27. Rice Lake	27. Wausau East Red	27. Superior	27. Winona YMCA
28. D. C. Everest Green	28. Columbus Catholic	28. St. Croix Central Blue	28. Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau
29. River Falls Blue	29. Chippewa Falls MAXX	29. Reedsburg Area Blue	29. Mauston
30. Columbus Catholic	30. Stevens Point Red	30. Baldwin-Woodville Red	30. Cloquet
31. Mosinee	31. Superior	31. Turtle Lake	31. Medford Area
32. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln	32. Northwestern Black	32. Clear Lake	32. North Branch Red