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9 th Grade Girls (8 th Grade in 2022-2023)	8 th Grade Girls (7 th Grade in 2022-2023)	7 th Grade Girls (6 th Grade in 2022-2023)	6 th Grade Girls (5 th Grade in 2022-2023)
1 Rice Lake	1 Luther	1 Eau Claire Eagles	1 Columbus Catholic
2 Neillsville	2 Holmen Maroon	2 Mosinee Purple	2 Boyceville
3 Auburndale	3 Fall Creek	3 Pacelli	3 Esko
4 Pacelli	4 Onalaska Suns	4 Fall Creek	4 La Crosse Logan
5 Aquinas	5 Adams-Friendship	5 Bloomer	5 Holmen Maroon
6 Winona	6 Solon Springs	6 Columbus Catholic	6 Tomah Gold
7 Stevens Point	7 Mosinee	7 Rhinelander	7 Eau Claire Volunteers
8 Arcadia	8 West Salem	8 Sparta	8 Eau Claire Eagles Purple
9 St. Croix Central Blue	9 Wisconsin Dells	9 Cameron	9 Durand-Arkansaw
10 Eau Claire Eagles	10 Aquinas	10 Cadott	10 Proctor
11 Bangor	11 Columbus Catholic	11 Duluth East	11 Wittenberg-Birnamwood
12 Superior	12 Boyceville	12 Menomonie	12 Rhinelander
13 Onalaska Suns	13 Amery	13 Spring Valley	13 Auburndale
14 St. Croix Falls	14 Chippewa Falls Flight	14 Northwestern	14 Wisconsin Rapids Red
15 Rhinelander Black	15 New Richmond	15 Elk Mound	15 Chippewa Falls Flight Red
16 Bloomer	16 Viroqua	16 Holmen Maroon	16 Menomonie Maroon
17 Baldwin-Woodville	17 Bangor	17 Wisconsin Dells	17 Viroqua
18 Durand	18 Sparta	18 Ellsworth	18 Melrose-Mindoro
19 Wittenberg-Birnamwood	19 Neillsville	19 Durand-Arkansaw	19 Altoona Red
20 Cameron	20 Wisconsin Rapids Red	20 Poynette	20 Aquinas
21 Medford	21 Whitehall	21 Blair-Taylor	21 Superior
22 Marathon	22 Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau	22 McDonell Central	22 Lake City
23 Cochrane-Fountain City	23 St. Croix Falls	23 St. Croix Central White	23 Cloquet
24 New Richmond	24 Osceola Green	24 Eau Claire Volunteers Blue	24 Menomonie Black
25 Augusta	25 La Crosse Central	25 Tomah	
26 Fall Creek	26 Eau Claire Volunteers	26 West Salem	
27 Eleva-Strum	27 Colfax	27 Loyal	
28 Elk Mound	28 Altoona	28 Esko	
29 Turtle Lake	29 Stevens Point	29 Osceola	

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New Richmond

Wisconsin Rapids

Chippewa Falls Flight Red

Boyceville

Menomonie

Tomah

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Prescott

Antigo

Superior

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1	Tomah Gold	1 Onalaska Royals	1 Onalaska Royals	1 Wisconsin Dells
2	La Crosse Central Red	2 La Crosse Logan Red	2 Cadott	2 Sparta Red
3	Iola-Scandinavia	3 Aquinas	3 Ellsworth	3 Onalaska Royals
4	Aquinas	4 Medford	4 Luther	4 Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau Red
5	Altoona Black	5 Mondovi	5 West Salem Black	5 Melrose-Mindoro
6	Fall Creek Black	6 McDonell Central	6 Cameron White	6 Superior
7	Holmen Maroon	7 Baldwin-Woodville Black	7 Altoona Black	7 Stratford
8	Columbus Catholic	8 Esko	8 Superior	8 Eau Claire Eagles Purple
9	West Salem Black	9 Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau	9 New Richmond	9 Medford
10	Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau Red	10 Fall Creek Black	10 Eau Claire Shamrocks	10 Bangor
11	McDonell Central	11 Chippewa Falls Hoops	11 Sparta Red	11 Aquinas Blue
12	Marshfield Black	12 Altoona Black	12 La Crosse Logan Red	12 Fall Creek
13	Sparta Red	13 Eau Claire Huskies Blue	13 Marshfield Black	13 Bloomer Black
14	Menomonie Maroon	14 Rib Lake	14 Hermantown	14 Cadott
15	Luther Black	15 Marshfield White	15 Eau Claire Eagles Purple	15 La Crosse Central
16	La Crosse Logan	16 Eau Claire Shamrocks White	16 Menomonie Maroon	16 Northwestern
17	Black River Falls-Blair-Taylor	17 Holmen White	17 Holmen White	17 Altoona Black
18	Prescott Red	18 Eau Claire Eagles Purple	18 Eau Claire Huskies Blue	18 Durand-Arkansaw Black
19	Westby	19 St. Croix Central Blue	19 La Crosse Central Red	19 Owen-Withee
20	Eau Claire Shamrocks	20 Wisconsin Rapids	20 Assumption	20 Holmen White
21	Onalaska Royals	21 Melrose-Mindoro	21 St. Croix Central Blue	21 Ellsworth
22	Elk Mound	22 New Richmond Black	22 Wisconsin Rapids	22 Menomonie Maroon
23	Chippewa Falls Hoops Red	23 Mosinee	23 Chippewa Falls Hoops Red	23 West Salem Black
24	River Falls Gold	24 La Crosse Central	24 Wisconsin Dells	24 Columbus Catholic
25	Eau Claire Huskies Blue	25 Sparta	25 Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau Red	25 Cochrane-Fountain City
26	Winona	26 Columbus Catholic	26 Bangor	26 Amherst
27	Lakeland	27 Westby	27 Fall Creek	27 Baldwin-Woodville Black
28	Northwestern	28 West Salem Black	28 Westby	28 Prescott Red
29	Northland Pines	29 Black River Falls	29 Viroqua	29 Eau Clarie Eagles White
30	Grantsburg	30 Alma Center Lincoln	30 Aquinas Gold	30 Eau Claire Shamrocks
31	Durand	31 Elk Mound	31 Moose Lake-Willow River	31 St. Croix Central White
32	Drummond	32 Menomonie Maroon	32 Bloomer	32 River Falls Gold