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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. Eau Claire Eagles	1. Altoona	1. Elk Mound	1. Fall Creek Black
2. Wausau West	2. Menomonie	2. Lakeland	2. La Crosse Central Red
3. Altoona	3. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue	3. Fall Creek	3. Chippewa Falls MAXX
4. Blair-Taylor	4. Hudson White	4. Wausau West	4. Elk Mound
5. Stevens Point	5. Chippewa Falls MAXX	5. Assumption	5. Prescott
6. Ladysmith	6. Elk Mound	6. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue	6. Chippewa Falls Flight Red
7. Auburndale	7. River Falls Blue	7. West Salem	7. Colfax
8. Osseo-Fairchild Orange	8. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	8. Prairie Du Chien	8. Esko
9. Aquinas	9. Holmen Maroon	9. Poynette	9. Stevens Point Black
10. Prairie Farm	10. Stevens Point Red	10. Durand	10. Wisconsin Dells
11. Elk Mound	11. Esko	11. Hudson White	11. Eau Claire Volunteers Blue
12. Saint Croix Falls	12. Cochrane-Fountain City Black	12. La Crosse Central	12. Bloomer Black
13. Bangor	13. Northland Pines	13. Proctor	13. Proctor
14. Prairie du Chien	14. Colfax	14. Baldwin-Woodville	14. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln
15. Northwestern	15. Ellsworth Grey	15. Esko	15. Holmen Lightning
16. Hudson White	16. Mondovi	16. Marshfield	16. Wausau West
17. Superior	17. Assumption	17. Mondovi	17. Stevens Point Red
18. Eau Claire Volunteers	18. Onalaska Suns	18. Holmen	18. Chippewa Falls Flight White
19. Siren	19. Saint Croix Falls	19. Mosinee Purple	19. Melrose-Mindoro
20. Edgar	20. Poynette	20. Osseo-Fairchild	20. Bangor
21. Crandon	21. Superior	21. Onalaska Suns	21. Eau Claire Eagles Purple
22. Iola-Scandinavia	22. Turtle Lake	22. Prescott Red	22. Mosinee
23. Westby	23. Merrill	23. Menomonie	23. Ironwood-Hurley
24. Prescott Black	24. Phillips	24. Melrose-Mindoro Gold	24. St. Croix Central White
25. Turtle Lake	25. La Crosse Logan	25. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	25. Hermantown
26. West Salem	26. Sparta	26. Plainview-Elgin-Millville	26. Medford Area White
27. Alma Center Lincoln	27. Prescott White	27. Aquinas	27. Hudson White
28. Arcadia	28. Wausau East	28. Osceola	28. Cochrane-Fountain City
29. La Crosse Central Red	29. Osseo-Fairchild	29. Cameron	29. Tomah
30. Holmen Maroon	30. Rice Lake	30. Siren	30. Lakeland
31. Menomonie	31. Neillsville	31. New Richmond	31. La Crosse Logan
32. Fall Creek	32. Wausau West Navy	32. Westby	32. Sparta

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1. La Crosse Central Red	1. Onalaska Royals	1. Onalaska Royals	1. Cochrane-Fountain City Black
2. West Salem Black	2. Tomah	2. Holmen Vikings	2. La Crosse Central Red
3. Northland Pines	3. Aquinas	3. West Salem Orange	3. Eau Claire Eagles Purple
4. Bangor	4. Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau	4. Hudson White	4. Aquinas Gold
5. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	5. Prescott Black	5. Marshfield White	5. Onalaska Royals
6. D. C. Everest Green	6. Cashton	6. Elk Mound	6. Holmen Maroon
7. Marshfield Black	7. Hudson White	7. Moose Lake-Willow River	7. Superior
8. Plainview-Elgin-Millville	8. La Crosse Logan Red	8. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	8. Ironwood-Hurley
9. Chippewa Falls Hoops Red	9. Eau Claire Eagles Purple	9. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln Red	9. Wittenberg-Biramamwood
10. New Richmond Orange	10. West Salem Black	10. La Crosse Central Red	10. D. C. Everest Green
11. Northwestern	11. Fall Creek	11. Holmen Maroon	11. Eau Claire Huskies Blue
12. Onalaska Royals	12. Holmen Vikings	12. Prescott Black	12. Hudson White
13. Hudson White	13. Esko	13. Rice Lake	13. Marshfield White
14. Newman Catholic White	14. Eau Claire Huskies Blue	14. Esko	14. River Falls Gold
15. Holmen Vikings	15. Elk Mound Black	15. Sparta Red	15. Prescott Black
16. Black River Falls	16. D. C. Everest White	16. La Crosse Logan	16. Esko
17. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln White	17. Mosinee	17. Aquinas Gold	17. West Salem Black
18. Medford Area	18. Cameron	18. D. C. Everest Green	18. Auburndale
19. Stevens Point	19. Siren	19. Cloquet	19. New Richmond Black
20. Eau Claire Thunder	20. Arcadia	20. Menomonie Maroon	20. Rice Lake Blue
21. Rice Lake	21. Altoona Black	21. New Richmond Orange	21. Mosinee White
22. Hermantown	22. Medford Area Red	22. Pacelli	22. La Crescent Green
23. Luther Gold	23. Marshfield Black	23. Northwestern	23. Chippewa Falls MAXX
24. Stratford	24. Columbus Catholic	24. Ladysmith	24. Sparta Red
25. Esko	25. La Crosse Central Red	25. Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau Red	25. Chippewa Falls Hoops Red
26. Lakeland Black	26. Whitehall	26. Tomah	26. Mauston
27. Owen-Withee	27. Westby	27. Eau Claire Kings	27. Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln
28. Wausau West Navy	28. Rhinelander Green	28. River Falls Gold	28. Newman Catholic
29. Siren	29. Solon Springs	29. Chippewa Falls MAXX	29. Tomah
30. Prescott Red	30. Black River Falls	30. Cadott	30. Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau
31. Eau Claire Huskies Blue	31. New Richmond Black	31. Altoona Black	31. Northwestern
32. Menomonie Maroon	32. Auburndale	32. Fall Creek	32. Menomonie Maroon