

## How the Schools Stack Up

Weekend Journal looked at the freshman classes at eight top colleges and compiled a list of the students' high-school alma maters. The survey ranked the high schools based on the number of students sent to those eight colleges, divided by the high school's number of graduates in 2007, limiting the scope to schools that had senior classes of at least 50 (see "Behind the Numbers"). The "success rate" column represents the percentage of students in each high school's graduating class that attended one of our chosen colleges.

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HIGH SCHOOL	CLASS SIZE/ STUDENTS SENT IN 2007	SUCCESS RATE	CURRENT TUITION	COMMENT
<b>Collegiate School</b> New York	50/13	26%	\$29,100	<b>Just over 600 boys</b> make up the student body from kindergarten through 12th grade at this small private school.
<b>Brearley School</b> New York	51/12	24	31,300	<b>The all-girls school</b> says on its Web site that it sent a total of 93 kids to the Ivy League in the last five years.
<b>Chapin School</b> New York	58/13	22	29,100	<b>Kindergartners at this all-girls school</b> learn creative writing; third-graders study yoga.
<b>Polytechnic School</b> Pasadena, Calif.	87/17	20	23,750	<b>School sent nine kids</b> to Stanford last year, more than to any other college.
<b>University of Chicago Lab Schools</b> Chicago	113/22	20	20,445	<b>College counseling office</b> recently hired a former University of Chicago admissions officer.
<b>College Preparatory School</b> Oakland, Calif.	86/15	17	26,850	<b>School's director of college counseling</b> worked in the University of Pennsylvania admissions office for eight years.
<b>Trinity School</b> New York	116/20	17	30,120	<b>School will celebrate</b> its 300th birthday next year.
<b>Phillips Academy</b> Andover, Mass.	327/52	16	29,000#	<b>School says that</b> about 10% of its students are from outside the U.S. and 35% are students of color.
<b>Delbarton School</b> Morristown, N.J.	116/18	16	23,600	<b>Independent school</b> for boys is led by an order of Benedictine monks; about 30% of students are non-Catholic.
<b>Phillips Exeter Academy</b> Exeter, N.H.	317/47	15	28,200#	<b>This year Exeter</b> announced it will waive tuition for students whose family income is under \$75,000.
<b>Milton Academy</b> Milton, Mass.	184/27	15	31,175#	<b>School requires</b> seniors to take a course on transition to adult life. Students do mock college interviews.
<b>Groton School</b> Groton, Mass.	83/12	15	31,530#	<b>Students are required</b> to write two college essays summer before senior year, which are critiqued by faculty.
<b>Daewon Foreign Language High School</b> Seoul, South Korea	78/11	14	About 5,000	<b>School is divided</b> into two separate programs; one for students planning to attend university in South Korea, the other for those bound for U.S. colleges. Our class-size figure reflects the U.S.-bound track.
<b>Lawrenceville School</b> Lawrenceville, N.J.	239/33	14	32,110#	<b>School sent 16 kids</b> to Princeton last year; since 2003, it says it has sent 59 students there.
<b>Kent Place School</b> Summit, N.J.	59/8	14	26,818	<b>Director of college advising</b> worked in undergraduate admissions at Columbia and Georgetown universities.
<b>Hunter College High School</b> New York	177/24	14	0	<b>The public school</b> , administered by Hunter College, limits seventh-grade applicants to kids who scored at least 90% in reading and math on standardized tests.
<b>Rivers School</b> Weston, Mass.	74/10	14	30,500	<b>Applications to Rivers</b> increased 20% over the past year, and ninth-grade applications rose 27%, school says.
<b>Saint Ann's School</b> Brooklyn, N.Y.	76/10	13	25,500 (12th grade)	<b>School has an arts-centered</b> approach; poetry teacher starts working with kids as young as 5.
<b>San Francisco University High School</b> San Francisco	92/12	13	28,725	<b>Last year's seniors</b> scored about 10% higher on SATs than previous class, says director of college counseling.
<b>Menlo School</b> Atherton, Calif.	139/18	13	29,400	<b>School offers a program</b> that pairs kids with parents to discuss college, careers and community service.
<b>St. Paul's School</b> Concord, N.H.	150/19	13	39,300	<b>The boarding-only</b> school now offers a "gut check" for seniors, with college advisers reading college essays in three minutes, as a college-admissions officer might.

<b>Harker School</b> San Jose, Calif.	167/20	12	29,894	<b>Five students</b> from Harker were selected as a youth delegation to the G8 conference in Germany this year.
<b>John Burroughs School</b> St. Louis	97/11	11	18,575	<b>School has</b> one of the lowest tuitions of the U.S. private schools in our study. Midwestern schools generally cost less than those on the coasts.
<b>Rye Country Day</b> Rye, N.Y.	92/10	11	27,500 (11-12th grades)	<b>School says</b> that since 1996, 97% of kids taking the Advanced Placement BC Calculus course received perfect scores on the AP exam.
<b>Korean Minjok Leadership Academy</b> South Korea	133/14	11	16,000	<b>School in South Korea's Gangwon-do province</b> requires students to speak only English for many classes.
<b>Buckingham Browne &amp; Nichols</b> Cambridge, Mass.	115/12	10	31,440	<b>School opened \$26 million</b> visual and performing arts center this year.
<b>Princeton High School</b> Princeton, N.J.	299/31	10	0	<b>This year, school sent</b> 19 kids to Princeton University, which is down the street from the high school.
<b>Ramaz Upper School</b> New York	100/10	10	23,000	<b>Many students</b> at the Jewish day school spend a year in Israel before college, which the school says may affect its numbers in our survey.
<b>Stuyvesant High School</b> New York	674/67	10	0	<b>Selective public high school</b> specializing in math and science says it sent 17 kids to Harvard last year.
<b>Head-Royce School</b> Oakland, Calif.	81/8	10	25,590	<b>School opened</b> a new building devoted to world languages this year, and recently added Mandarin classes.
<b>Regis High School</b> New York	125/12	10	0	<b>Tuition-free Catholic boys</b> school says on Web site that recent open houses drew 2,300 potential applicants.
<b>Blake School</b> Minneapolis	127/12	9	19,900	<b>Minnesota school</b> has both Alpine and Nordic skiing teams.
<b>Illinois Math and Science Academy</b> Aurora, Ill.	203/19	9	0	<b>School requires kids</b> to participate in an "intersession" in January, a break from regular studies with courses like "Exploring the Meaning of Life: Why It All Matters."
<b>Hotchkiss School</b> Lakeville, Conn.	172/16	9	32,400#	<b>New headmaster</b> is a former head of schools in Botswana and Wales.
<b>Bishop's School,</b> La Jolla, Calif.	120/11	9	24,400	<b>A Bishop's graduate</b> won the Olympic trials in Laser sailing—competing in a small single-handed boat—and will participate in the Olympics in China next year.
<b>Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology</b> Alexandria, Va.	428/39	9	0	<b>Competitive magnet school</b> for science-minded kids sent 13 students to MIT this year.
<b>Lakeside School</b> Seattle	132/12	9	22,160	<b>Students can't graduate</b> without at least 80 hours of community service and a weeklong outdoor program.
<b>Deerfield Academy</b> Deerfield, Mass.	188/17	9	27,642#	<b>Most students</b> at the school are boarders, paying a tuition of \$37,756.
<b>St. John's School</b> Houston	122/11	9	16,825	<b>Students can take</b> educational summer trips with faculty to places like Indian monasteries or the French Alps.
<b>Boston Latin School</b> Boston	381/33	9	0	<b>School, founded</b> in 1635, sent 25 kids to Harvard this fall—more than any other high school on our list.

A # denotes tuition for day students at schools that also have boarders.