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Division I (16)

Bristol Central
Danbury
East Catholic
Enfield
Greenwich
Mercy
New Britain
Northwest Catholic
Notre Dame Prep.
Rocky Hill
Sacred Heart Academy
Southington
Stamford
Staples
Trumbull
West Haven

Division II (38)

Amity
Avon
Berlin
Bethel
Bridgeport Central
Brien McMahon
Bristol Eastern
Cheshire
Conard
Coventry
East Hartford
Ellington
Fairfield Ludlowe
Fairfield Warde
Farmington
Glastonbury
Hamden
Hillhouse
Innovation
Lauralton Hall
Ledyard
Lewis Mills
Masuk
New Canaan
Newington
Newtown
North Haven
Norwich Free Academy
Plainville
Ridgefield
Sheehan
South Windsor
St. Joseph
Suffield
Westhill
Windsor
Wm. Hall
Woodstock Academy

Division III (38)

Ansonia
Branford
Canton
Crosby
Daniel Hand
Darien
E.O. Smith
East Lyme
Fitch
Foran
Granby Memorial
Guilford
Harding
Holy Cross
Joel Barlow
Jonathan Law
Killingly
Lyman Hall
Maloney
Manchester
Naugatuck
New London
New Milford
Norwalk
Platt
Pomperaug
Rockville
Seymour
Shelton
Simsbury
Stonington
Stratford
Torrington
Wethersfield
Wilbur Cross
Wilby
Wilton
Windham

*Cooperative Team

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Division IV (37)

Bacon Academy
Bassick
Brookfield
Bullard Havens Tech.
Bunnell
Career Magnet
Coginchaug
Cromwell
East Granby / East Windsor *
East Hampton
East Haven
Griswold
Haddam Killingworth
International / AAE / Bloomfield *
Kennedy
Kolbe Cathedral
Lakeview
Middletown
Morgan
New Fairfield
Nonnewaug
North Branford
Plainfield
Prince Tech.
RHAM
Somers
St. Paul
Tolland
Waterford
Watertown
WCA
Weaver
Weston
Wheeler
Wilcox Tech.
Wolcott
Woodland

Division V (47)

Abbott Tech.
ACES Chase Academy
Amistad
Bolton
Capital Prep. / Achievement First *
Cheney Tech.
Classical Magnet
CompSci
Derby
Eli Whitney Tech.
Ellis Tech.
Gilbert
Goodwin Tech.
Grasso Tech.
Hale Ray
Hartford Public / University *
HMTCA / Bulkeley *
Housatonic Valley Reg.
Immaculate
Kaynor Tech.
Lyman Memorial
Lyme-Old Lyme
Montville
Northwestern Reg.
Norwich Tech.
Notre Dame, WH
O'Brien Tech.
Old Saybrook
Oxford
Parish Hill
Platt Tech.
Portland
Putnam
Shepaug Valley
SMSA
St. Bernard
Stafford
Terryville
Thomaston
Tourtellotte
Valley Reg.
Vinal Tech.
Westbrook
Windham Tech.
Windsor Locks
Wolcott Tech.
Wright Tech.

APPENDIX K

GIRLS BASKETBALL DIVISIONAL CRITERIA NOTE AND EXPLANATIONS

The formula used to place girls basketball teams into divisions for the 2026-27 season included data points from the previous two seasons (2024-25 and 2025-26 power points and tournament success points) in addition to enrollment data from the previous school year (2025-26).

All schools are ranked from numbers 1-178 using the data points from the formula (see below). The divisions were then determined by taking the allotted number of schools starting at the top of the rankings – the top 16 teams are in Division I, the next 38 teams are in Division II, the next 38 teams are in Division III, the next 37 teams are in Division IV and the lowest 47 teams are in Division V.

Enrollment – The formula starts with each school being assigned a number of points based on its girls enrollment in grades 9-12 for the previous school year. In determining the 2026-27 divisions, each team started with 66% of its 2025-26 girls enrollment as a base. All sports use the previous year's total for divisional purposes.

Power Points - The number of Power Points each school has received during the two-year period is added into the enrollment number. Power Points are determined by the same method used in doing the tournament pairing tiebreakers. A school receives one Power Point for each win that each CIAC member school it beat has (10 Power Points for each out-of-state school it beat in a game which counts towards tournament qualifying). For example, if a team wins 10 games and each team it beat had 10 wins, that school would get 100 Power Points.

League Multipliers – The season totals for each of the previous two years are then multiplied by a number assigned to each league. Each league has its own league multiplier. Each league's (schools without a league are considered "Independent") multiplier is generated by league member wins in the CIAC Girls Basketball Tournament over the last two years. Wins in Class LL or Division I are assigned a point value of 5 points. Wins in Class L or Division II are assigned a point value of 4 points. Wins in Class MM or Division III are assigned a point value of 3. Wins in Class M or Division IV are assigned a point value of 2 points. Wins in Class S or Division V are assigned a point value of 1 point. The sum of each league's tournament wins over the last two years are divided by the number of schools in each league and then multiplied by .33 to get each league's multiplier.

Each school's Power Points over the past two seasons are then multiplied by "league multiplier" for each school. Independent schools are assigned a league multiplier using the same formula for all schools that are considered Independent.

Success Points – Points are added based on success in the CIAC tournament, however **only to schools subject to success in tournament factors under the CIAC definition.** To be subject to success in tournaments for girls sports, a school must be designated as a school of choice based on CIAC rules. **Schools that do not meet the criteria receive no success points regardless of how successful they have been in the state tournament.**

Each sports committee has the option of determining if a success factor will be used in its sports and if so the benchmark for the definition of success in its sport. The list of schools subject to the success factor is a CIAC-wide list and cannot be altered by a sport committee. The girls basketball committee has defined success as reaching the quarterfinal round of the state tournament.

For each of the two years of data being used for rankings, schools subject to success rankings receive 100 additional points for reaching the quarterfinals, 150 for reaching the semi-finals, 200 for reaching the championship game and 300 for winning the championship. These totals are cumulative, so a team which wins a championship will have 750 points added for that year.

Total Points – A school's final ranking on the 1-178 scale is determined by adding up each school's modified enrollment number (66% of a school's girls enrollment numbers from the previous school year) to their modified power point total ("league multiplier" x Power points over the previous two seasons) and adding a schools success points (if applicable) to determine each schools total point total and then ranking them highest to lower (1-178) with 1 being the school with the highest total points and 178 being the school with the lowest total points.

Example:

School A (Non-School of Choice)
Enrollment 24-25 1000 x .66 = 660 points
Power Points 23-24 (200) 24-25 (160) League Multiplier 2.0 x 360 = 720

660 points + 720 = 1380 points