

100 Best Minnesota High School Programs

Great teams come in all shapes and sizes, and so do great programs. Still, the best of the best are programs (that is, schools) that have been competitive right from 1913 to the present time. The number who have done that is pretty small, however. No school has played in a state tournament in every decade. Only DeLaSalle and Rochester/Rochester John Marshall has played in ten. Even then you've got to accept that Rochester High School and Rochester John Marshall are the same school (which they are) and that five decades of DeLaSalle's tournaments came in the old Catholic version (which they did). Still, it's a nuance. Austin, Chisholm, Moorhead and Red Wing have played in nine, and those require no nuance whatsoever. It is also true that a Mankato public school has played in the state tournament in every decade, but Mankato East is not Mankato. The old Mankato is Mankato West only.

But, being competitive from 1913 to 2019 is of course an unfair standard for many, and not because they were not or are not competitive, but simply because they didn't exist. Many of the top schools of the past half century—schools like Apple Valley, Bloomington Jefferson, Edina, Mounds View, St. Louis Park and more--were founded in the wake of the Baby Boom of the 1950s and 1960s. And some of the powers of the early years no longer exist. Here are just a few examples of changes to the high school basketball landscape.

- Buhl won state titles in 1941 and 1942. They now compete as Mountain Iron-Buhl.
- Duluth Central won four state titles. The school was closed in 2011.
- Gaylord won the 1926 state title. They are now combined with the city of Arlington and known as Sibley East (as in Sibley County).
- Gilbert won the 1951 state title. They now compete as Eveleth-Gilbert.
- The southwestern Minnesota communities of Granite Falls, Walnut Grove and Wells played in eleven state tournaments through 1968. All are consolidated with other communities as Yellow Medicine East, Westbrook-Walnut Grove and United South Central, respectively.
- Minneapolis Marshall and (later) Marshall-University and St. Paul Mechanic Arts were statewide powers in the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s and again in the 1970s. Marshall and U high schools were merged in 1968 and closed in 1982. Mechanic Arts was closed in 1976.

So, a dispensation from the requirement of being competitive from 1913 to the present must be given. You couldn't fill out a hot 100 without it, the dispensation, that is. So, in practice, a state title or two is key. Also, because it was so fiendishly difficult for smaller schools to get to the state tournament in the single class era, district titles also are key accomplishments. Here goes.

Schools	State Titles 1913-1970	State Tournaments 1913-1970	District Titles 1913-1970	State Titles 1971-2022	State Tournaments 1971-2023	State Tournament W-L	State Top Tens (Years)
1. Hopkins Royals	1952-1953	7 1917-1953	12 1934-1954	2002, 2005- 2006, 2009- 2011, 2016, 2019	17 1993-2019	52-15 (#2 wins) .776 (#10 pct.)	29 (#4)
<p>Played in state tournaments in 7 different decades. 10-2 in state finals. #2 in MSHSL state titles with 10. #2 in state tournament wins with 52. #4 in top tens with 29. #10 in state tournament W-L percentage. Their 2009 team is often rated #1 all-time. Kris Humphries (2002), Blake Hoffarber (2007), Amir Coffey (2016) starred at the U. Coaches Butsie Maetzold and Ken Novak were #2 and #3 in career wins at one time or another. By far the best resume and <i>always at the highest level of competition.</i></p>							
2. DeLaSalle Islanders	Catholic titles 1927, 1944, 1946, 1954-1957, 1959, 1961- 1962	0 MSHSL tournaments	0	1985, 1988, 1998-1999, 2006, 2012- 2017, 2019	27 1975-2023	56-19 (#1) .747 (#13)	33 (#1)
<p>State titles in 9 decades. 4-peat 1954-1957. 6-peat 2012-2017. #1 in MSHSL state titles with 12 plus 10 Catholic state titles and 2 Catholic national titles. 22-6 in all state finals. #1 in MSHSL state tournament wins and #2 in top tens at 30. The state's best team in 1931, 1955 and 2013. But <i>never played at the very highest level of competition</i> and refused to move up in class like Mpls. North and Minnehaha did even after six straight titles.</p>							
3. Austin Packers	1935, 1946, 1958	23 1913-1963	30 1935-1970		9 1972-2022	45-42 (#4)	32 (#2 tie)

Played in state tournament in 9 of 11 decades, and played in a state final in the first 7 consecutive decades and 8 overall. 3-8 in state finals. Still #1 in MSHSL state tournaments at 32, and #4 in state tournament wins with 45. Ranked in our top ten 32 different seasons from 1913 to 2017 (#2 tied). Ove Berven held the record for most state tournaments by a coach for almost 50 years.

4. Minneapolis North Polars		2 1933, 1938	3 1933-1948	1980, 1995- 1997, 2003, 2016-2017	21 1972-2021	47-23 (#3) .671 (#20)	27 (#6)
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Played in state finals in 5 decades. 6-5 in state finals. 2nd school to 3-peat at the highest level. #3 in MSHSL state tournament wins with 47, and #3 in state titles with 7. #6 in top tens with 27. Khalid El-Amin (1997) is #1 point guard all-time.

5. Cretin/ Cretin-Derham Hall Raiders	4 Catholic champions 1943-1974			1991, 1993, 2018	12 1976-2021	24-17 (#12)	32 (# 2tied)
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#2 Catholic power behind DeLaSalle. Tied for #2 in top tens with 32. #12 in state tournament wins with 24.

6. Red Wing Wingers	1915, 1920, 1922, 1933	16 1913-1957	15 1933-1970		9 1971-2016	37-27 (#6)	20 (#7 tie)
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Played in state tournaments in 9 decades, in a state final in 7. 4-7 in state finals. First to win 4 state titles in 1933; nobody else did it in the single class era. #6 in state tournaments and #6 in state tournament wins. Tied #7 in top tens with 20. 4 Nordly brothers played in state tournaments 1915-1929.

7. Bemidji Lumberjacks	1936, 1948	26 1915-1969	33 1933-1969	1974	4 1974-2019	41-41 (#5)	28 (#5)
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Played in state tournaments in 8 decades, in a state final in 5. #2 in state tournaments, #5 in top tens with 28, #5 in state tournament wins with 41. Coach Bun Fortier was #8 in wins upon his retirement.

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8 (tie). Chisholm Bluestreaks	Also, mythical small school title 1933	1919-1960	1933-1967	1973, 1975, 1991	1973-2011	(#7) .621 (#25)	(#12 tie)
8 (tie). Duluth Central Trojans	1950, 1961	7 1918-1969	12 1935- 1969	1971, 1979	8 1971-2007	31-11 (#8) .738 (#15)	16 (#12 tie)

Chisholm was a dominant Region 7 power in the 1930s through the 1970s. Duluth Central replaced Chisholm as the dominant Region 7 power in the 1950s. Chisholm and Duluth Central are among just 8 teams that won state titles in the single and multi-class eras. They are tied with one another at #12 with 16 top tens. Central was the 2nd and Chisholm the 4th school to win a 4th state title.

Chisholm played in state tournaments in 9 decades. #7 in state tournament wins with 36. Coaches Harvey Roels and Bob McDonald both retired as the #1 winning coach in Minnesota history, though 3 of the titles under coach McDonald came at below the highest level of competition.

Central played in state tournaments in 8 decades.. Coach Jim Hastings of Central was the 2nd to win 3.

9. Mpls. Patrick Henry Patriots	1944-1945	2 1944-1945	3 1944-1954	2000-2003	7 1998-2009	21-4 (#16 tie) .840 (#1)	11
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One of 9 teams to win state titles in both single and multi-class eras. Jim McIntyre (1945) long was the #1 center of all-time. 3rd school to repeat. 2nd school to 4-peat. #6 in state titles with 6, though 4 of them were below the top level of competition. #1 in tournament W-L percentage among teams with 20 or more wins.

10. Minnehaha RedHawks	11 MISL 1946-1964			2013, 2017- 2019, 2021	8 1996-2022	21-6 (#16 tie) .778 (#8 tie)	10
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The dominant power in the MISL (1946-1964). 1st 4-peat 1951-1954. Never at the highest level of competition, but had the guts to play up from AA to AAA in 2020 and 2021. (Nudging DeLaSalle.)

11 (tie). Mankato/ Mankato West Scarlets		17 1913-1968	28 1933-1970	Mankato West 2004	6 1975-2021	29-34 (#9)	20 (#7 tie)
<p>More Big 9 titles than Austin. Mankato, Mankato East or Mankato West played in a state tournament in every decade. (Mankato West is the successor to Mankato High School [the Scarlets].) Mankato and Mankato West are tied #7 in top tens with 20 and #9 in state tournament wins with 29.</p>							
11 (tie). Rochester/ Rochester John Marshall Rockets	1917, 1969	12 1917-1969	21 1933-1969		6 1973-2003	26-24 (#10)	19 (#9 tie)
<p>1917 champs are one of only 2 teams with all 5 starters on all-tournament team. State tournaments in 10 decades. #9 (tied) in top tens with 19, #10 in state tournament wins with 26. Rochester High School became Rochester John Marshall.</p>							
12. Moorhead Spuds	1928-1929	14 1924-1968	15 1933-1970		10 1981-2022	25-33 (#11 tie)	19 (#9 tie)
<p>1st to play in 6 straight tournaments (then extended it to 8), 1st repeat champions under coach Glenn Hanna. Lost to Edina in both 1967 and 1968 finals. Played in state tournament in 9 decades. Tied #9 in top tens with 19, #11 in state tournament wins with 25.</p>							
13. Bloomington Jefferson Jaguars				1976, 1982, 1986-1987	13 1975-2009	21-11 (#22 tie) .656 (#24)	13 (#16 tie)
<p>2nd school to catch Red Wing with 4 titles. Tied #16 in top tens and in state tournament wins. Jack Evens was 1st coach to win 4 state titles. 4-1 in state finals.</p>							
	1939 +	13	14		2	22-20	14

14. Mountain Lake Wolverines	4 mythical small school champions	1913-1952	1933-1960		2012-2013	(#14 tie)	(#15)
<p>#7 power of the single class era. Played in state tournaments the 1st 5 decades. Tied #13 in state tournament wins. #15 in top tens with 14. Mountain Lake boys basketball is now a coop with Comfrey.</p>							
15. St. Thomas Cadets	8 Catholic champions 1925-1970			1998, 2007	10 1985-2019	18-12 (#21 tie)	17 (#11)
<p>#2 Catholic power in the old days. 8-4 in Catholic finals. Catholic title or MSHSL state tournament in 9 decades but never at the highest level. Still, #11 in top tens with 17, and tied #20 in state tournament wins with 18 despite joining the MSHSL just in 1975.</p>							
16. Edina Hornets	1966-1968	4 1964-1968	4 1964-1968		4 1973-2013	17-4 (#25 tie) .810 (#4)	8
<p>The 1st 3-peat. Duane Baglien the 1st coach to win 3. Still #7 in tournament W-L percentage.</p>							
17. Crosby-Ironton Rangers	Mythical small school champ 1937	12 1932-1969	16 1935-1969		9 1987-2018	22-29 (#14 tie)	12 (#19 tie)
<p>5 times a bridesmaid, never a bride. Played in state tournament in 8 decades. Tied #13 in state tournament wins. Herman Woock retired at #2 in wins.</p>							
18. Anoka Tornadoes		3 1948-1964	13 1936-1965	1973, 1981 1992	5 1973-1993	14-9	11
<p>The 1st east metro suburb to break through with an "overall" championship in 1973.</p>							
		2	4		5	20-6	7

19. Melrose Flying Dutchmen		1960-1970	1949-1970	1971, 1974, 2015	1971-2015	(#18 tie) .769 (#11)	
<p>Played in 5 straight tournaments (1970-1974) and 6 state title games in 4 years (1971-1974). 1974 champions featured Mark Olberding, one of Minnesota's best ever. Still #11 in tournament W-L percentage.</p>							
20. Virginia Blue Devils	1916 + Mythical small town champ 1928	11 1915-1965	11 1937-1967		2 2009-2011	16-14	13 (#16 tie)
21. St. Paul Mechanic Arts Trainers	1925, 1930	6 1915-1934	5 1934-1964		1 1975	15-6 .714 (#18)	6
<p>Mechanic Arts was the dominant power in St. Paul through the 1930s. Virginia defeated Mechanic Arts for the 1916 state title.</p>							
22. Mpls. Washburn Millers	1955	3 1941-1955	4 1941-1970	1994, 2009	5 1974-2012	18-6 (#21 tie) .750 (#12)	8
<p>Some said their 1955 champions were the best to that time. AA for awhile in the 4-class era.</p>							
23. Apple Valley Eagles				2013, 2015, 2017	9 1988-2018	18-9 (#21 tie) .667 (#21 tie)	8
<p>Great run in the 2010s behind brothers Tyus Jones and Tre Jones.</p>							
24. Rushford-Peterson			Rushford 3 1935-1963	1989, 2006, 2015	15	25-16 (#11 tie)	3

Trojans					1989-2018 + Peterson 1986		
Coach Tom Vix was 1 st coach to 14 tournaments though Novak and Thorson quickly surpassed him. Won state titles as Rushford (1989) and Rushford-Peterson (2006, 2015).							
25. Southwest Minnesota Christian Eagles				1999-2002, 2013	7 1986-2012	18-5 (#21 tie) .783 (#7)	1
The 1 st 4-peat 1999-2003, plus 2 private school finals in 1970 and 1973.							
26 (tie). St. Cloud Tech Tigers		5 1917-1929	19 1934-1968		7 1980-2022	18-14 (#22 tie)	11
26 (tie). Willmar Cardinals		8 1913-1958	21 1933-1970		6 1974-2008	9-20	16 (#12 tie)
Neither could ever break through the Minneapolis Conference in old Region 5 despite 40 district titles between them.							
27. Duluth East Greyhounds		1 1966	2 1966-1970		12 1972-2012	15-17	12 (#19 tie)
Became a senior high school in 1950 and in the 1960s challenged Central as the leading athletic power in the city.							
28 (tie). St. Paul Central Minutemen		4 1931-1967	12 1933-1969		8 1979-2000	14-20	13 (#16 tie)
Central won 16 city titles in the single class era, Mechanic Arts 15. Since then Central leads with 16 more in the modern era.							

28 (tie). Mpls. Central	1921 + Mythical titles in 1900, 1901 and 1920	3 1921-1949	5 1949-1967		3 1971-1979	11-6	8
Mythical state titles in 1900 and 1901. 1920 team finished 3 rd at the national tournament and also was the best team in the state.							
29. Braham Bombers			8 1934-1960	2004-2006, 2016	8 2004-2016	14-.700 (#19)	5
Two productive eras under coaches Leonard Froyen and Bob Vaughan.							
30. Stillwater Ponies	1914	6 1913-1946	4 1944-1965		7 1976-2005	13-18	11
1914 champions' 40-11 winning margin was a record until 2016. Played in state tournaments in 7 decades. Harold Gillen (1914) is one of just 3 MN men to win a state title and a Big 10 title as a MN Gopher.							
31. Winona Cotter Ramblers	Catholic champions 1952			1977, 1982	12 1976-1985	13-5 .722 (#16 tie)	7
3-9 in state finals including the old Catholic tournament and then the MSHSL. Played in a state final 5 straight decades. John Nett retired at #1 in career wins with 580.							
32. Mpls. Roosevelt Teddies	1956, 1957	2 1956-1957	5 1953-1965		1 1997	10-2 .833 (#2 tie)	5
1961 team was unbeaten and tournament co-fave when DQ for using an ineligible player in the region.							
		1	2		5	13-3	5

33. Litchfield Dragons	Mythical small school champ 1944	1918	1944-1946	2000, 2002- 2003	2000-2013	.812 (#4)	
2 nd fiddle to Willmar in old District 20 but Willmar never won a state title. Litch now has 3 plus the mythical title in 1944. #5 in state tournament W-L percentage.							
34. Mounds View Mustangs		1 1966	1 1966	1972, 1999	12 1972-2005	13-17	11
The 1 st east metro breakthrough with a Class AA title in 1972.							
35. Hibbing Bluejackets		7 1914-1957	11 1947-1970		4 1975-2021	14-14	10
Milan Knezovich was the #1 career scorer as of 1949. Kevin McHale (1976) had a better post-secondary career.							
36 (tie). Minnetonka Skippers	1965	1 1965	1 1965	1998, 2008	4 1998-2008	11-3 .786 (#6)	6
Just 4 tournaments but made the finals every time. Hopkins has otherwise gotten in the way.							
36 (tie). Wayzata Trojans	1959	3 1925-1959	1 1959	2021, 2023	3 2017-2021	13-5 .722 (#16 tie)	9
37. Osseo Orioles				2001, 2012	10 1988-2018	16-10	8
Played in 4 state title games 2001-2012.							
38. Lakeville/Lakeville North				2014	11 1995-2019	17-13	7

Lakeville had 2 tournament appearances, then split in 2005. Both North and South made it to the 2006 tournament. North appeared in a record 8 straight 2012-2019 under coach John Oxton.

39. Brainerd Warriors	1954	5 1933-1958	15 1933-1968		4 1971-1991	11-13	6
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40. Buhl Bulldogs	1941-1942	4 1935-1942	5 1935-1942		Mountain Iron-Buhl 2001, 2005	8-3	3
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Just the 2nd team to repeat as champions. The Buhl school district is now consolidated with Mountain Iron.

41. Waseca Bluejays	1918	3 1918-1948	4 1947-1969	2021	7 1974-2021	17-13	7
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State champs 1918. Rated #1 in 1969 but lost in the region. Runner-up in Class AAA in 2019.

42. Thief River Falls Prowlers	1932, 1938	6 1916-1960	18 1933-1969		1 1974	9-8	5
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The only school that could really compete with Bemidji in old Region 8, and even they went just 3-9 vs. Bemidji in regionals.

43. Lake City Tigers		2 1915-1918		1978-1979, 1990	6 1978-2019	13-7 .650 (#25)	5
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Randy Breuer (#3 center all-time) led Tigers to consecutive titles.

44. Rocori Spartans				1988	13 1979-2012	15-14	6
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45. Owatonna		1	7	1989-1990	6	8-8	7
Indians/ Huskies		1924	1949-1968		1989-2022		
Repeat champions with historic 72-26 win in 1990 final. Not the Indians any more, now the Huskies.							
46. Mpls.	1937	6	5			8-7	6
Edison Tommies		1926-1943	1935-1958				
1937 state champs are regarded as the greatest team before WWII.							
47. Buffalo		9	4	2007	2	9-10	8
Bison		1917-1931	1939-1958		2007-2014		
Rocori came into their own after Cold Spring St. Boniface closed and Bob Brink became head coach. Brink now #2 in career wins. Buffalo led all schools with 9 state tournament appearances by 1931. Moorhead and Red Wing had 8, Austin, Fosston and New Ulm 7 at the time. Both lagged behind St. Cloud Tech in old District 19.							
48. Fosston	1913 +	7	6		2	9-8	7
Greyhounds	4 mythical mall school champions	1913-1921	1947-1968		2011-2012		
Won the 1 st tournament and played in 7 of the 1 st 9. They called themselves the "Jack Pine Savages" at the time.							
49. Russell- Tyler-Ruthton		5	2	2004-2005, 2018	6	17-6 .739 (#14)	3
		Tyler 1924 Ruthton 1981 RTR 3 1988-1990	Tyler 1959, 1961		1988-2018		

Ruthton and Tyler each played in the state tournament as independent schools; Russell never did. RTR lost 2 finals but roared back to win 34.

50 (tie). Staples/ Staples-Motley Cardinals			1 1955		11 1981-2001	23-12 (#14) .657 (#24)	2
50 (tie). Little Falls Flyers		5 1916-1922		1975	6 1975-2010	9-10	7

District 24 opponents who, for the most part, could not beat Brainerd and Crosby-Ironton, except Little Falls in the 1970s and Staples and/or Staple-Motley under coach Lynn Peterson in the 2 class era. Staples is still #12 in tournament wins and #21 in W-L percentage.

51. Mpls. Marshall/ Marshall-U		3 1939-1947	4 1939-1947	1976	3 1976-1980	11-7	6
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Won 65 straight games in 1976-1977.

52. Austin Pacelli Shamrocks	2 Catholic titles			1992	1 1992	3-0	3
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Also won 3 southern "state" tournaments in 1936-1938 as St. Augustine but these were just "southern Minnesota" tournaments. Before that they were Austin Columbus. Today, the compete in collaboration with Lyle as Lyle-Pacelli.

53. Luverne Cardinals	1964	6 1935-1967	19 1933-1970		5	15-14	6
54. Faribault Falcons		8 1913-1965	10 1933-1965		2 1986-1998	9-13	11

55. White Bear Lake Bears		1 1921	1 1967	1984-1985	5 1972-2000	6-4	4
56. Shattuck- St. Mary's	7 MISL titles 1946-1970					0-0	6
<p>Now a "hockey school," but in the quarter-century after WWII their main claim to athletic fame was as a basketball prep school. They were one of the top 2 or 3 teams in the state circa 1968-1970.</p>							
57. Eden Prairie Eagles				2020	12 1989-2019	14-20	8
<p>28-0 team in 2020 was denied a state title by the COVID pandemic.</p>							
58. Mpls. South Tigers	1927	5 1920-1969	3 1934-1969		2 1989-1992	11-8	7
59. St. Paul Johnson Governors		3 1922-1924	2 1937-1941	2010	9 2004-2015	12-13	6
<p>Johnson won in AAA in 2010 and was the best team in the state, the first since Litchfield in 2000 to be picked as the overall best not from Class AAAA.</p>							
60. Marshall Tigers	1963	3 1941-1970	12 1939-1970		8 1970-2017	10-12	7
61. Tartan Titans				2000	9 1978-2005	6-13	6
<p>A record 8 straight tournaments 1998-2005.</p>							
	1931 + mythical	2 1931-1935	6 1934-1970		4 1977-2022	12-9	4

62. Glencoe/ Glencoe-Silver Lake Panthers	small town title 1935						
63. Winona Winhawks		7 1914-1961	8 1934-1961		4 1979-2010	10-15	6
64. New Prague Trojans		4 1925-1956	10 1934-1970		6 1976-2015	10-17	4
65. Albert Lea Tigers	1919	5 1917-1936	6 1933-1948		1 2005	9-7	6
66. Esko Eskomoes	Mythical small school champs 1955	1 1955	1 1955	2014	8 2003-2019	8-10	2
67. Henning Hornets	"Class B" champion 1927, mythical small school champ 1966	2 1965-1966	2 1965-1966	2019	1 2019	5-4	4

3 champions with vastly different contexts. Otto Rortvedt (1927) and Bob and Dick Peterson (1966) were dominant big men.

68. Wells Wildcats	Mythical small school champs 1962	4 1930-1969	10 1947-1969			6-7	1
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Coach Lloyd Stussy was once #4 on the MN career wins list. The Wells school district is now consolidated with Bircelyn, Easton, Freeborn, Kiester and Walters as United South Central.

69. Gilbert Buccaneers	1951	3 1926-1951	7 1934-1960			7-2	5
Now consolidated as Eveleth-Gilbert.							
70. Benilde-St. Margaret's	Catholic titles 1962-1963			2008	3 2007-2010	5-2	6
71. Breckenridge Cowboys	1940	3 1915-1940	8 1938-1958		6 1976-2018	7-12	3
72. Hutchinson Tigers		6 1939-1966	13 1936-1966		1 2010	5-12	5
73. St. Paul Humboldt Hawks	1949	5 1914-1949	4 1939-1952			5-5	4
74. Alexandria Cardinals		3 1921-1950	11 1933-1962		5 1997-2021	7-10	4
Hal Haskins (1943) was the 1 st boy ever to score 1,000 career points.							
75. Edgerton Flying Dutchmen	1960	2 1960-1961	3 1960-1963			4-2	2
1960 team was the smallest school from the smallest town ever to win a state title.							
76. New Ulm Eagles		8 1917-1937	5 1937-1950		1 1975	11-11	7

6 straight tournaments 1917-1922 including 2 runners-up. Also claimed mythical state title in 1910.

77. Mankato Loyola Crusaders	1 Catholic title 1945			2003	6 1989-2004	5-5	2
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Jim Korth (1945) was 2nd boy ever to score 1,000 points in his career, then coached the Crusaders for 25 years.

78. St. Louis Park Orioles	1962	1 1962	4 1955-1962		3 1978-1980	8-4	6
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79. South St. Paul Packers		6 1923-1970	8 1939-1970			8-7	6
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80. Chaska Hawks			1 1933	2004	7 1981-2018	10-9	9
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81. Belgrade-Broten-Elrosa Jaguars			1 1934 as Belgrade	2012, 2014	4 2011-2022	10-2	3
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Belgrade and Broten had been independent school districts. Elrosa never was. George Borgerding scored 50 points in one game for Belgrade in 1945. It was thought (erroneously) to be an all-time state record.

82. Caledonia Warriors				1997	9 1995-2022	13-8	5
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83. New London-Spicer Wildcats				2008, 2010	8 1994-2014	11-7	3
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84. Richfield Spartans		1 1960	1 1960		6 1973-2021	10-7	5
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85. Fergus Falls Otters		4 1916-1957	8 1937-1958		7 1984-2021	9-14	8
86. Cloquet Lumberjacks		3 1958-1963	5 1948-1963		4 1988-2000	8-10	5
87 (tie). Prior Lake Lakers				1977, 1978	3 1976-1978	8-1	5
87 (tie). Shakopee Sabres			1 1936	2005	6 2000-2005	9-9	4
Prior Lake and Shakopee are neighboring communities in Scott County.							
88 (tie). Ellsworth Panthers				2007-2008	6 2003-2010	14-4 .778 (#8 tie)	2
Ellsworth boys basketball currently competes as a coop with Adrian High School.							
88 (tie). Hayfield Vikings		2 1967-1968	2 1967-1968	2021-2022	4	9-6	2
89. Park Center Pirates				2022	5 1987-2022	9-4	5
90. Granite Falls		5 1947-1968	10 1947-1968			6-8	4
Granite Falls' heyday came in the '40s and '50s. They are now part of Yellow Medicine East.							

91. Totino-Grace Eagles	1972 Private school titles			2022-2023		8-6	4
92 Grand Rapids Thunder		2 1913-1925	1 1962		9 1997-2012	5-15	3
93 (tie). Rochester Lourdes Eagles	4 Catholic titles 1966-1968, 1972				3 1999-2011	2-3	3
93 (tie). St. Cloud Cathedral Crusaders	4 Catholic titles 1928-1929, 1947, 1969				3 1999-2018	4-6	4
94. Plainview-Elgin-Millville Bulldogs		1 1913 as Plainview	1 1963 as Plainview	2012	5 2004-2012 2004 as Plainview	8-5	1 as Plainview
Plainview consolidated with Elgin-Millville in the late 2000s.							
95. St. James Saints		2 1923-1954	5 1938-1963	1972	3 1972-2003	5-6	2
96 (tie). Redwood Falls/Valley Cardinals		2 1930-1934	11 1933-1970		7 1977-2011	7-16	2
96 (tie). Windom Eagles		2 1918-1966	7 1938-1968		4 1973-2010	7-7	1

Redwood Falls became Redwood Valley and absorbed nearby school districts in Belview and Morton. Either way, Redwood and Windom have been Southwest Conference rivals for 100 years.

97. Gaylord	1926	3 1921-1969 Arlington 1921 Gaylord 1926, 1969	3 Arlington 1935, 1943 Gaylord 1969		3 1973 as Gaylord 1998, 2010 as Sibley East (consolidated with Arlington)	5-7	1
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Gaylord merged with Arlington-Green Isle to form Sibley East high school. Arlington and Green Isle had consolidated many years previous. The 1926 state champions were the first to be characterized as a "Cinderella" story. In 2010, Sibley East led by 16 with 6 minutes left and lost.

98. Madison		4 1913-1923	1 1969			3-4	2
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Madison's heyday came in the '10s and '20s. They plausibly claimed a mythical state title in 1911 after beating Ada and Zumbrota. Madison is now part of Lac Qui Parle Valley.

99 (tie). Walnut Grove/ Westbrook/ Westbrook- Walnut Grove		2 1957-1967	7 1954-1967		3 1991-2019 as Westbrook- Walnut Grove	1-4 (WG, Westbrook, WWG combined are 7-10)	1
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100 (tie). Fairmont Cardinals		3 1924-1955	12 1934-1968		1 1990	4-9	3
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100 (tie). Montevideo Thunder Hawks		3 1924-1956	11 1933-1967		3 1976-2009	2-9	2
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