

Northwest Scholastic Rating System

2024 - 2025: The Top Ten in Each Grade in WA

I made some changes in the last few years that continue this year. In the distant past, to reach anywhere on these pages, players had to be a Washington resident and play a minimum of 15 NWSRS rated games last season, without exception. However, several years ago I decided to honor those players who are highly rated, but for whatever reason, did not play the minimum of 15 games in the system. But the effect of the pandemic has changed how I did things in the last three years and how I am doing them again this year. The pandemic has had a negative effect on over-the-board chess. To keep scholastic chess going in the northwest, I resorted to rating tournaments played online. This was a temporary measure and now that the pandemic appears to be over, I note the vast majority of the events submitted to me for rating now are over-the-board play. I am contemplating discontinuing the rating of online tournaments, but have not made a final decision on that yet. In addition to other problems with online chess, there has been an influx of players from out-of-state playing in tournaments rated in the NWSRS, and in many cases the actual state of residence for some players is unclear in the NWSRS database. As a result, I am going to limit this top ten listing as follows:

- 1. Anyone not having the minimum of 15 games played in the NWSRS this past year will not appear on this list.*
- 2. Anyone with a school code of XXX or UNK (unknown) or other school codes that have no definition (are not on the "Allcodes" list) will not appear on this list.*
- 3. Anyone without the state of residence as "WA" will not appear on this list.*

(Total Games) = career games. (Games Year) = games played in 2023-2024 season. (Ratings for this list were closed September 2, 2024.)

Congratulations to the fine young players who made this list! We honor you. And congratulations to the many others who missed the list narrowly, and the many, many others who competed last year in this great game we all enjoy!

THIS IS A FULLY RESET LISTING FOR 2023-2024 done in preparation for the 2024-2025 season. ALL PLAYERS ARE LISTED WITH THEIR NEW 2024-2025 GRADES. There almost certainly some kindergartners who started competitive chess as pre-schoolers whose grades need to be reset back to kindergarten. Please communicate with Kirk Winges concerning any issues with grade coding (kirk.winges@gmail.com). Also provide any school changes, grade changes or updated/new USCF information to Kirk.

SENIORS

Top 10 rank	Last Name	First Name	School	Grade	ID#	Rating	Total Games	Games Year
1	JIANG	BRANDON	BLL	M	7768	2235	538	22
2	VIJAYAKUMAR	ADVAITH	NRC	M	6655	2213	308	23
3	CHENG	EDWARD	GAR	M	C74W	1947	459	21
4	ROESCH	CARSON	BLH	M	120K	1922	285	39
5	KUIPERS	MILES	TST	M	6766	1854	572	26
6	JOSHI	ATHARVA	SKN	M	1352	1799	359	27
7	DEMBEREL	AMANA	LCO	M	J14E	1787	138	41
8	PATTERSON	BEN	CHH	M	I54X	1781	121	40
9	MERRITT	JUDE	MTT	M	J57P	1760	22	22
10	ZHANG	BOHAN	EAL	M	E54S	1669	144	16

JUNIORS

Top 10 rank	Last Name	First Name	School	Grade	ID#	Rating	Total Games	Games Year
1	WONG-GODFREY	EMERSON	BUS	L	H83E	1962	522	38
2	GARINE	UJWAL	TST	L	B99A	1862	245	40
3	BOULIS	CHRISTOS	NWS	L	C84T	1841	627	44
4	DENG	LILY	HHS	L	5007	1724	366	15
5	HETAMSARIA	AADI	NPR	L	888H	1665	179	32
6	YUODELIS	KENNETH	NPR	L	3681	1580	458	24
7	VENKATACHALAM	KEDAR	TST	L	947E	1561	41	16
8	WANG	RAYMOND	FRA	L	K66P	1545	33	27
9	DEVADITHYA	HIRUNA	ISS	L	5494	1533	725	16
10	SIDDEM	SID	LWA	L	C34V	1532	505	23

SOPHOMORES

<i>Top 10 rank</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>ID#</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Total Games</i>	<i>Games Year</i>
1	MIN	RYAN	INT	K	5430	2142	421	34
2	PATANKAR	VIJAY	KMN	K	C78Y	1934	291	28
3	NEFF	CALEB	ABE	K	G72N	1875	376	38
4	RAMASWAMY	RISHI	INT	K	S63U	1790	153	58
5	EKSAREVSKLY	ALBERT	LSS	K	530Y	1783	128	44
6	SHI	GAVIN	LCO	K	H855	1651	407	49
7	TATIKONDA	NIHANTH	BOT	K	926F	1622	269	41
8	ANANDKUMAR	HAITUKA	STL	K	238P	1606	398	43
9	ZHANG	IRIS	RED	K	858X	1599	401	43
10	SHARMA	DEVANSH	TST	K	F88S	1587	199	19

FROSH

<i>Top 10 rank</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>ID#</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Total Games</i>	<i>Games Year</i>
1	WILLY	STEPHEN	HSC	J	H17K	2253	584	60
2	VEMPARALA	NIKASH	OVL	J	I078	2244	428	29
3	RAZMOV	GABRIEL	ADD	J	C26K	1840	349	46
4	SUMMERFIELD	WILLIAM	MCR	J	G77R	1819	160	19
5	NALLAPPA	VIJAY	REJ	J	D40S	1759	413	40
6	MISHRA	ABHINAV	TMB	J	B02W	1752	144	53
7	SCOLLON	OWEN	FHV	J	734D	1746	518	77
8	AYALEW	BROOK	DCC	J	J71Q	1692	21	21
9	RUBAIYAT	RHADEAN	ICK	J	D40L	1688	187	50
10	REDDY	ESHAN	SGS	J	336Y	1669	315	20

GRADE 8

<i>Top 10 rank</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>ID#</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Total Games</i>	<i>Games Year</i>
1	LU	YIDING	BAS	I	865Z	2235	285	20
2	ZHU	JAMIE	EVJ	I	558E	2015	362	24
3	WANG	LEONARDO	CKN	I	233K	1831	118	49
4	VERMA	DARSH	WON	I	B52K	1790	224	35
5	ZHANG	MICHELLE	MED	I	889L	1771	351	18
6	HAN	SHUYI	TYE	I	K47W	1750	346	29
7	CHEN	WILLIAM	ING	I	550N	1669	206	128
8	LIU	BICHEN	KKN	I	K00D	1623	138	49
9	SEELA	SHASHANK	EVJ	I	I74N	1596	213	20
10	KORIPPELLA	DHEERAN	ING	I	610W	1541	76	35

GRADE 7

<i>Top 10 rank</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>ID#</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Total Games</i>	<i>Games Year</i>
1	JAMMALAMADAKA	VIHAAN	WPP	H	J90F	2045	382	29
2	RAMKUMAR	NIKHIL	RBR	H	115E	1841	264	31
3	CHENG	SELINA	TLM	H	413R	1722	554	81
4	LIU	YUNTAO	STT	H	505Y	1661	289	17
5	FREDERICK	BENJAMIN	EMS	H	S57X	1655	267	36
6	YADAV	ARJUN	EVJ	H	664A	1603	127	15
7	CHA	SAMUEL	BAS	H	K18Z	1594	238	17
8	RAJA	RIAN	SKW	H	786E	1568	155	64
9	BALAYOGHAN	KEERAN	OMS	H	477N	1485	115	30
10	NEFF	JOEL	ABE	H	F99X	1463	279	40

GRADE 6

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1	KONA	VIDIP	RSA	G	I26J	2179	351	35
2	BHARATHY MOHAN	AARAV	FRW	G	C98B	1810	372	66
3	YONDON	ODBAYAR	LMA	G	K97T	1791	246	66
4	CAO	MAX	JIN	G	J12C	1742	28	28
5	GADDE	ARNAV	ENS	G	J39D	1710	192	37
6	DENG	STANLEY	LEC	G	K22E	1606	330	58
7	SHANKARANAND	DEEKSHA	EBS	G	I74Y	1560	290	50
8	SYAL	YASH	CDI	G	C10R	1547	177	91
9	LIU	VINCENT	ILA	G	546Q	1526	220	39
10	RAO	ATHARV	SOM	G	B90T	1505	95	38

GRADE 5

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1	WANG	TED	STT	F	K13D	2195	299	48
2	XU	OWEN	SOM	F	896M	1966	196	20
3	PALATHINGAL	RAFAEL	KKN	F	196R	1937	165	89
4	BHASKARAN	SIDDHARTH	HMN	F	152J	1872	84	39
5	LIN	MICHAEL	BAS	F	C97F	1871	344	35
6	SADDI	NEEVAN REDDY	GRR	F	H87M	1748	259	67
7	ZHOU	YUCHEN	CHR	F	J42H	1745	594	60
8	MERRIMAN	DANN	WMN	F	F79Y	1734	609	74
9	MENG	MIRANDA	OPW	F	H69P	1674	153	22
10	REN	AARON SONG	ENA	F	G67B	1668	183	25

GRADE 4

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1	CHEN	ANDY	SOM	E	K05J	1587	73	69
2	BHARADWAJ	SAMARTH	DIS	E	E78A	1444	193	52
3	ZHU	AIDEN	SOM	E	C77X	1439	143	64
4	HE	OLIVER	END	E	K71V	1428	373	168
5	MAHARAJA	IMAI	HMN	E	K34K	1367	218	153
6	LI	EDGAR	WOB	E	883Y	1342	224	65
7	KANDAR	AARAV	FIS	E	K21U	1338	118	100
8	DAS	SAMBUDDHA SEKHAR	END	E	K47S	1330	155	120
9	BABBAR	RIAN	END	E	J98D	1314	92	92
10	ZHAO	WILLIAM	STT	E	H70M	1300	146	82

GRADE 3

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1	LI	SHAWN	SOM	D	J11N	1542	41	41
2	EVIN	TERRICK	EBS	D	C54L	1531	205	84
3	MA	LEWIS	SOM	D	587M	1507	169	107
4	YUN	DANIEL D	LAV	D	K87Z	1298	345	61
5	DENG	ARTHUR	OPW	D	C90Y	1284	141	97
6	ZANDANOV	LEONID	ENA	D	K31Q	1262	132	95
7	NARKHEDE	KSHITIJ	CRK	D	A27K	1261	110	31
8	YUAN	CHEN	ETS	D	J15Z	1220	130	55
9	PAN	JESSE	ENS	D	J61R	1206	25	25
10	PAN	PENG-YU	SSM	D	K24P	1123	139	129

GRADE 2

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1	RAJ	SKANDHA	EVG	C	K55U	1230	135	89
2	WANG	HARVEY	OPW	C	J68G	1209	128	73
3	CHEN	JULIAN	CNH	C	K32C	1164	60	40
4	GE	JEREMY	SSM	C	J88K	1137	178	178
5	WANG	HENG SHEEN	EVG	C	704V	1130	116	61
6	JIANG	KYLE	MED	C	K35B	1125	114	94
7	MAHALE	AVNEESH	CNH	C	993F	1100	163	116
8	YU	ERIC	SOM	C	K25N	1066	86	76
9	LIU	BIHE	KKN	C	B78J	1047	99	57
10	FRENK	RAFAEL	CSI	C	J75L	1031	30	30

GRADE 1*

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1	SANKRITHI	VIVAAN	HSC	B	K61R	1035	98	38
2	QIN	SKYLER	OPW	B	J97T	1000	77	77
3	GU	VINCENT	OPW	B	K00L	869	56	56
4	LAI	RYAN	SHS	B	H70N	841	19	19
5	HU	RYAN	OPW	B	J97N	789	78	78
6	LI	ETHAN	THR	B	J97M	734	61	61
7	KOSTER	JOHN	SPT	B	J88T	731	76	76
8	DESAI	VIVAAN	BCA	B	J49H	727	39	39
9	CHARUVIL VINU	SURYEN	RSH	B	J89R	713	53	53
10	CHEN	EASON	SOM	B	J59F	702	51	51

*Note: all students coded as kindergarten last year were automatically advanced to first grade by the rating system. Accordingly, this first grade list may include some students that will ultimately be re-coded to kindergarten because they were actually pre-kindergarten last year. The NWSRS makes no distinction between kindergarten and pre-kindergarten students.

WASHINGTON'S TOP TEN OVERALL

<i>Top 10 rank</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>ID#</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Total Games</i>	<i>Games Year</i>
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7	KONA	VIDIP	RSA	G	I26J	2179	351	35
8	MIN	RYAN	INT	K	5430	2142	421	34
9	WAN	BERTRAND	NPR	N	K421	2079	289	33
10	CHANG	EDMUND	INT	N	6270	2066	241	31

HONORING OUR TOP GRADUATED SENIORS

<i>Top 10 rank</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>ID#</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Total Games</i>	<i>Games Year</i>
1	WAN	BERTRAND	NPR	N	K421	2079	289	33
2	CHANG	EDMUND	INT	N	6270	2066	241	31
3	COLOMBO	DOMINIC M	GIG	N	J74P	1963	81	29
4	QIAN	DANIEL	PFC	N	7807	1962	336	22
5	MEHROTRA	SHIV	INT	N	H131	1761	324	19
6	TEH	LOGAN	GAR	N	H765	1589	130	21
7	UTSLER	MATTHEW	LWA	N	K03C	1484	35	29
8	LEWIS	THEO	FER	N	K29P	1431	103	21
9	ODEGARD	OWEN	SPR	N	K40J	1389	43	26
10	OLSON	BRYNDEN	ETV	N	K82C	1385	45	25

NWSRS RATING SYSTEM STATS AND ACTIVITY

This September the Northwest Scholastic Rating System was reset as follows: (1) Graduated seniors were advanced to “adult” status. (2) All grades were advanced one level. (3) The “this year” games field was emptied. All USCF ratings were updated on August 29, 2024. For the last several years I tried something different and did not remove any “inactive” players. My reason was that we had several instances in earlier years with players coming back after being inactive and removed and it has caused problems with duplicate IDs. Three years ago, the ID system was expanded to allow for an additional alpha-numeric character. This should allow the system to grow without the need to remove any inactive players for many years. However, to keep the files from expanding too much, I have now added the additional field “active” or “archived” and only include active players in the distributed rating list. All players,

including archived players still appear in the excel version of the ratings database.

We start the new season with 47,704 rated scholastic and adult players, 5,278 in grades K-6, 14,021 in grades 7-12 and 28,405 adults. This past year we rated 402 events and approximately 40,883 games. This reflects a significant increase in the activity from last year when we rated 285 events and approximately 33,074 games. We have a way to go to return to our seasons with 600 events and well over 50,000 games, but I am encouraged by the progress we are making.

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