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On behalf of the Educate Jamaica Team, I would like to welcome you to our first publication of The Best Secondary Schools' Guide. This is the first of our best schools' guide and there will be one every year. This Guide has been designed to help parents and carers of children, leaving primary schools going into secondary schools, to select the best school to send their children to; thus giving their children the best opportunity at a great education. Our guide aims to help parents make a more informed choice as to which secondary school they send their children to and we have used performance indicators that measure this well. The indicators give an excellent indication of the performance of the schools as well as the result your children will likely leave the school with by the end of grade 11. This school guide was not designed to embarrass or shame any school but to give parents an insight into the performance of schools so that they may select the best school. At educatejamaica.org we believe that by improving the ability of parents to make a more informed choice, we will improve the standard and delivery of education.

About educatejamaica.org

educatejamaica.org is the online division of the privately owned company, EJ.org Limited. educatejamaica.org is an independent education think tank organisation, which focuses on the development and innovation of the education sector in Jamaica.

Our vision for education is bold and ambitious and, our aim is to aid in creating a world class education system that produces well rounded individuals, who have been prepared adequately to contribute socially and economically to the society. Our focus is on all key stages of the education system, namely early childhood, primary, secondary, tertiary and special education.

What did we use to measure the performance of schools?

According to research carried out by educatejamaica.org, the average qualification required to graduate from secondary school as well as to get a job is five (5) CSEC 'O' level subjects which includes Mathematics and English. What we have done at Educate Jamaica is to look at each school and calculate what percentage of students they are turning out at the end of grade 11, with the expected minimum of 5 CSEC 'O' level subjects (including Mathematics and/or English) and based on the percentage obtained they are ranked. The school with the highest percentage is the best school. The creation of this document was done by some of the greatest minds Jamaica has to offer, including some of the best Statisticians and Masters level educators on the island.

We hope you find our secondary schools' guide very useful and look out for next year's publication.

Yours thankfully,

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SCHOOL RANKINGS

These ranking are based on the performance of all secondary schools across the entire island. The ranking will be done in a number of ways and they are outlined below:

1. All-island rankings
2. Top 20 all-island
3. Bottom 20 all-island
4. Girls' school only
5. Boys' school only
6. Co-educational only
7. The performance of schools within individual Parishes
8. The ranking of parishes in terms of pupil educational outcomes

The rankings are based on the performance of schools in obtaining five (5) or more subjects in the most recent SCEC examinations. The figures are calculated based on each secondary school enabling their cohort at the end of their 5 years of statutory education, to leave grade 11 with a minimum of five (5) subjects which includes English and/or Mathematics in the CSEC examinations.

ALL-ISLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL RANKINGS

The all-island ranking shows the comparative performance of secondary schools across the entire island. The ranking goes from number 1, which is the best performing school (the school where your child is likely to have the greatest level of success) to 162 which is the poorest performing school on the entire island (The school where your child is likely to have the least amount of success). The percentage figure doesn't only tell you the level of success that each school is having (at producing a pupil with at least 5 subject including Mathematics and/or English), it also tells you the likely probability of your child succeeding in a school. In other words if the school has a 90% pass rate, then your child has a 90% chance of succeeding. On the other hand if the school has a 1% pass rate, your child has a 1% chance of succeeding at the school.

Ranking	Name of school	Percentage (%) of grade 11 cohort attaining Five (5) subjects with English and/or Mathematics.
1	Campion College	97.6%
2	Wolmers Girls' School	96.8%
3	St. Hilda's High School	96.2%

4	Glenmuir High School	95.8%
5	St. Andrew High School for Girls	93.3%
6	Ardenne High School	93.2%
7	Immaculate Conception High School	93.1%
8	Westwood High School	92.6%
9	Wolmers Boys' School	92.6%
10	Knox College	88.0%
11	Mount Alvernia High School	87.8%
12	Montego Bay High	87.6%
13	Bishop Gibson	85.9%
14	DeCarteret College	82.3%
15	Convent of Mercy Alpha Girl School	81.9%
16	Munro College	80.1%
17	Merl Grove High School	79.1%
18	St. Hugh's High School	78.7 %
19	The Queens High School	75.5%
20	Mannings High School	73.5%
21	Morant Bay high school	73.1%
22	Kingston College	70.8%
23	Holy Childhood School	70.7%
24	Meadowbrook High School	70.4%
25	York Castle High	66.0%
26	St. George's College	64.9%
27	St. Mary High School	63.8%
28	Manchester High	62.9%
29	Clarendon College	61.5%


30	St. Jago High School	60.4%
31	Denbigh High School	54.5%
32	Marymount High	52.8%
33	Hampton High	51.8%
34	Calabar High School	49.4%
35	Titchfield High	49.4%
36	Cornwall College	45.6%
37	St. Catherine High	45.3%
38	Camperdown High	45.0%
39	Mona High School	43.8%
40	Rusea's High School	41.2%
41	Ferncourt High School	40.4%
42	May day High School	38.9%
43	St. Elizabeth Technical High School	38.1%
44	William Knibb Memorial High	36.9%
45	Oberlin High School	36.6%
46	Excelsior High School	34.9%
47	Gaynstead High	34.6%
48	Charlemont High	33.5%
49	Old Harbour High	33.5%
50	Black River High	31.8%
51	Edwin Allen High	30.7%
52	Frome Technical High	29.9%
53	Jamaica College	29.3%
54	Garvey Maceo High	29.0%
55	Holland High	28.6%

56	St. Mary's College	28.1%
57	Irwin High	27.4%
58	Bellefield High	26.1%
59	Mile Gully High	25.2%
60	Iona High	23.4%
61	Jose Marti Technical	23.0%
62	Herbert Morrison Technical High	22.8%
63	St. Mary Technical High School	22.7%
64	Aabuthnott Gallimore High School	22.4%
65	Dintill Technical School	22.0%
66	Holmwood Technical High	21.0%
67	Jonathan Grant High School	20.8%
68	Spaldings High School	20.0%
69	Bridgeport High School	19.7%
70	Ocho Rios High School	19.1%
71	Guy's Hill High School	18.8%
72	Annotto Bay High	16.9%
73	MacGrath High School	16.5%
74	St. Thomas Technical	16.3%
75	Anchovy High School	15.9%
76	Happy Grove High	15.8%
77	Ascot High	15.2%
78	Lacovia High	14.9%
79	Vauxhall High	14.9%
80	Porus High	14.1%
81	Maggotty High	13.8%

82	Tarrant High	13.8%
83	Green Pond High	13.5%
84	Pembroke Hall High	13.4%
85	Lennon High	13.3%
86	Albert Town High	13.2%
87	Norman Manley High	13.2%
88	Green Island High	13.0%
89	Greater Portmore High	12.8%
90	Vere Technical High	12.4%
91	Claude McKay High	11.7%
92	Kingston Technical High	11.0%
93	Clan Carty High	10.5%
94	Winston Jones High	10.4%
95	Alston High	10.3%
96	Mavis Bank High	10.2%
97	Port Antonio High	10.2%
98	Waterford High	10.1%
99	Cross Keys High	9.9%
100	Kemps Hill High	9.7%
101	Papine High	9.3%
102	St. Andrew Technical High	9.0%
103	Muschett High	8.9%
104	B.B. Coke High	8.8%
105	Foga Road High	8.8%
106	Little London High	8.7%
107	Tivoli Gardens High	8.6%
108	Troy High	8.6%
109	Maud McLeod High	8.5%

110	Maldon High	8.3%
111	Balaclava High	8.0%
112	Spot Valley High	7.8%
113	Brown's Town High	7.6%
114	St. James High	7.4%
115	Godfrey Stewart High	7.3%
116	Seaforth High	7.3%
117	Central High	7.0%
118	Buff Bay High	6.9%
119	Belmont Academy	6.7%
120	Thompson Town High	6.7%
121	Merlene Ottey High	6.5%
122	Trench Town High	6.3%
123	Carron Hall High	6.1%
124	Holy Trinity High	6.1%
125	Brimmer Vale High	6.0%
126	Tacky High	6.0%
127	Cambridge High	5.8%
128	Ewarton High	5.8%
129	Christiana High	5.6%
130	Dunoon Park Technical High	5.6%
131	Kingston High	5.6%
132	Lewisville High	5.6%
133	Knockalva Technical High	5.5%
134	Eltham High	5.3%
135	Tacius Golding High	5.0%
136	Haile Selassie High	4.8%
137	Kellits High	4.5%

138	Petersfield High	4.4%
139	Oracabessa High	4.1%
140	Rhodes Hall High	4.1%
141	Marcus Garvey Technical High	3.9%
142	Bustamante High	3.4%
143	Edith Dalton James High	3.4%
144	Denham Town High	3.2%
145	Spanish Town High	3.1%
146	Fair Prospect High	3.0%
147	Bog Walk High	2.8%
148	Hopewell High	2.6%
149	Cedric Titus High	2.4%
150	Islington High	2.3%
151	Penwood High	2.3%
152	Grange Hill High	2.1%
153	Charlie Smith High	2.0%
154	Cumberland High	2.0%
155	Newell High	2.0%
156	Robert Lightbourne High	1.7%
157	Sydney Paygon Agricultural High	1.5%
158	Yallahs High	1.2%
159	Innswood High	1.1%
160	Glengoffe High	1%
161	Paul Bogle High	0.9%
162	Donald Quarrie High	0.4%



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TOP 20 SCHOOLS ISLANDWIDE

This shows the 20 best performing schools across the entire country.

Ranking	Name of school	Percentage (%) of grade 11 cohort attaining Five (5) subjects with English and/or Mathematics.
1	Campion College	97.6%
2	Wolmers Girls' School	96.8%
3	St. Hilda's High School	96.2%
4	Glenmuir High School	95.8%
5	St. Andrew High School for Girls	93.3%

6	Ardenne High School	93.2%
7	Immaculate Conception High School	93.1%
8	Westwood High School	92.6%
9	Wolmers Boys' School	92.6%
10	Knox College	88.0%
11	Mount Alvernia High School	87.8%
12	Montego Bay High	87.6%
13	Bishop Gibson	85.9%
14	DeCarteret College	82.3%
15	Convent of Mercy Alpha Girl School	81.9%
16	Munro College	80.1%
17	Merl Grove High School	79.1%
18	St. Hugh's High School	78.8 %
19	The Queens High School	75.5%
20	Mannings High School	73.5%

BOTTOM 20 SCHOOLS ISLANDWIDE

This shows the 20 poorest performing schools across the entire country.

Ranking	Name of school	Percentage (%) of grade 11 cohort attaining Five (5) subjects with English and/or Mathematics.
1	Edith Dalton James High	3.4%
2	Denham Town High	3.2%
3	Spanish Town High	3.1%
4	Fair Prospect High	3.0%

5	Bog Walk High	2.8%
6	Hopewell High	2.6%
7	Cedric Titus High	2.4%
8	Islington High	2.3%
9	Penwood High	2.3%
10	Grange Hill High	2.1%
11	Charlie Smith High	2.0%
12	Cumberland High	2.0%
13	Newell High	2.0%
14	Robert Lightbourne High	1.7%
15	Sydney Paygon Agricultural High	1.5%
16	Yallahs High	1.2%
17	Innswood High	1.1%
18	Glengoffe High	1%
19	Paul Bogle High	0.9%
20	Donald Quarrie High	0.4%

GIRLS' SCHOOL ONLY (ISLANDWIDE) RANKINGS

The girls' school all-island ranking shows the comparative performance of girls' school across the entire country. The ranking goes from number 1, which is the best performing all girls' school (the all girls' school where your child is likely to have the greatest level of success) to 15 which is the lowest performing girls' school in the country.

RANKING	NAME OF SCHOOL
1	Wolmers Girls' School
2	St. Hilda's High School
3	St. Andrew High School for Girls
4	Immaculate Conception High School

5	Westwood High School
6	Mount Alvernia High School
7	Montego Bay High
8	Bishop Gibson
9	Convent of Mercy Alpha Girl School
10	Merl Grove High
11	St. Hugh's High School
12	The Queen's High School
13	Holy Childhood High
14	Marymount High
15	Hampton High

BOYS' SCHOOL ONLY (ISLANDWIDE) RANKINGS

The boys' school all-island ranking shows the comparative performance of boys' school across the entire country. The ranking goes from number 1, which is the best performing all boys' school (the all boys' school where your child is likely to have the greatest level of success) to 7 which is the lowest performing boys' school in the country.

RANKING	NAME OF SCHOOL
1	Wolmer's Boys' School
2	Munro College
3	Kingston College
4	St. George's College
5	Calabar High School
6	Cornwall College
7	Jamaica College

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CO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOLS ONLY ALL-ISLAND RANKINGS

The co-educational schools all-island ranking shows the comparative performance of co-educational schools across the entire country. The ranking goes from number 1, which is the best performing co-educational school (the co-educational school where your child is likely to have the greatest level of success) to 140 which is the lowest performing co-educational school in the country.

RANKING	NAME OF SCHOOL
1	Campion College
2	Glenmuir High School
3	Ardenne High School
4	Knox College
5	DeCarteret College
6	Mannings High School
7	Morant Bay high school
8	Meadowbrook High School
9	York Castle High
10	St. Mary High School
11	Manchester High
12	Clarendon College
13	St. Jago High School
14	Denbigh High School
15	Titchfield High
16	St. Catherine High
17	Camperdown High
18	Mona High School
19	Rusea's High School
20	Ferncourt High School
21	May day High School
22	St. Elizabeth Technical High

23	William Knibb Memorial High
24	Oberlin High School
25	Excelsior High School
26	Gaynstead High
27	Charlemont High
28	Old Harbour High
29	Black River High
30	Edwin Allen High
31	Frome Technical High
32	Garvey Maceo High
33	Holland High
34	St. Mary's College
35	Irwin High
36	Bellefield High
37	Mile Gully High
38	Iona High
39	Jose Marti Technical
40	Herbert Morrison Technical High
41	St. Mary Technical High School
42	Aabuthnott Gallimore High School
43	Dintill Technical School
44	Holmwood Technical High
45	Jonathan Grant High School
46	Spaldings High School
47	Bridgeport High School

48	Ocho Rios High School
49	Guy's Hill High School
50	Annotto Bay High
51	MacGrath High School
52	St. Thomas Technical
53	Anchovy High School
54	Happy Grove High
55	Ascot High
56	Lacovia High
57	Vauxhall High
58	Porus High
59	Maggotty High
60	Tarrant High
61	Green Pond High
62	Pembroke Hall High
63	Lennon High
64	Albert Town High
65	Norman Manley High
66	Green Island High
67	Greater Portmore High
68	Vere Technical High
69	Claude McKay High
70	Kingston Technical High
71	Clan Carty High
72	Winston Jones High
73	Alston High
74	Mavis Bank High
75	Port Antonio High

76	Waterford High
77	Cross Keys High
78	Kemps Hill High
79	Papine High
80	St. Andrew Technical High
81	Muschett High
82	B.B. Coke High
83	Foga Road High
84	Little London High
85	Tivoli Gardens High
86	Troy High
87	Maud McLeod High
88	Maldon High
89	Balaclava High
90	Spot Valley High
91	Brown's Town High
92	St. James High
93	Godfrey Stewart High
94	Seaforth High
95	Central High
96	Buff Bay High
97	Belmont Academy
98	Thompson Town High
99	Merlene Ottey High
100	Trench Town High
101	Carron Hall High
102	Holy Trinity High
103	Brimmer Vale High

104	Tacky High
105	Cambridge High
106	Ewarton High
107	Christiana High
108	Dunoon Park Technical High
109	Kingston High
110	Lewisville High
111	Knockalva Technical High
112	Eltham High
113	Tacius Golding High
114	Haile Selassie High
115	Kellits High
116	Petersfield High
117	Oracabessa High
118	Rhodes Hall High
119	Marcus Garvey Technical High
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127	Cedric Titus High
128	Islington High
129	Penwood High
130	Grange Hill High

131	Charlie Smith High
132	Cumberland High
133	Newell High
134	Robert Lightbourne High
135	Sydney Paygon Agricultural High
136	Yallahs High
137	Innswood High
138	Glengoffe High
139	Paul Bogle High
140	Donald Quarrie High

RANKING OF SCHOOLS WITHIN INDIVIDUAL PARISHES

This ranking breaks down the performance at the parish level and shows how school are performing comparatively to other schools in the same parish. With the exception of Kingston and St. Andrew, no other parishes are combined.

Kingston & St. Andrew

1	Campion College
2	Wolmers Girls' School
3	St. Andrew High School for Girls
4	Ardenne High
5	Immaculate Conception High School
6	Wolmers Boys' School
7	Convent of Mercy Alpha Girls School
8	Merl Grove High School
9	St. Hugh's High School
10	The Queens High School

11	Kingston College
12	Holy Childhood High
13	Meadowbrook High
14	St. George's College
15	Calabar High school
16	Camperdown High
17	Mona High School
18	Oberlin High
19	Excelsior High
20	Gaynstead High
21	Jamaica College
22	Vauxhall High
23	Tarrant High
24	Pembroke Hall High
25	Norman Manley High
26	Kingston Technical High
27	Clan Carty High
28	Mavis Bank High
29	Papine High
30	St. Andrew Technical High
31	Tivoli Gardens High
32	Trench Town High
33	Holy Trinity High
34	Dunoon Park Technical High
35	Kingston High

36	Haile Selassie High
37	Edith Dalton James High
38	Denham Town High
39	Penwood High
40	Charlie Smith High
41	Donald Quarrie High

St. Catherine

1	St. Jago High School
2	St. Catherine High School
3	Charlemont High
4	Old Harbour High
5	St. Mary's College
6	Jose Marti Technical School
7	Dintill Technical High
8	Jonathan Grant High
9	Bridgeport High School
10	Guy's Hill High School
11	MacGrath High School
12	Ascot High School
13	Greater Portmore High
14	Waterford High
15	Ewarton High
16	Eltham High
17	Tacius Golding High

18	Spanish Town High School
19	Bog Walk High
20	Cumberland High
21	Innswood High
22	Glengoffe

St. Thomas

1	Morant Bay High School
2	St. Thomas Technical
3	Seaforth High
4	Robert Lightbourne High
5	Yallahs High
6	Paul Bogle High

Portland

1	Titchfield High
2	Happy Grove High
3	Port Antonio High
4	Buff Bay High
5	Fair Prospect High

St. Mary

1	St. Mary High School
2	Marymount High
3	Iona High
4	St. Mary Technical High
5	Annotto Bay High
6	Carron Hall High
7	Brimmer Vale High
8	Tacky High
9	Oracabessa High
10	Islington High

St. Ann

1	St. Hilda's High School
2	York Castle High
3	Ferncourt High
4	Aabuthnott Gallimore High
5	Ocho Rios High
6	Brown's Town High
7	Marcus Garvey Technical High

Trelawny

1	Westwood High
2	William Knibb Memorial High
3	Holland High

4	Albert Town High
5	Muschett High
6	Troy High
7	Cedric Titus High

Hanover

1	Rusea's High School
2	Green Island High
3	Merlene Ottey High
4	Knockalva Technical High
5	Rhodes Hall High
6	Hopewell High

St. James

1	Mount Alvernia High School
2	Montego Bay High
3	Cornwall College
4	Irwin High
5	Herbert Morrison Technical High
6	Anchovy High School
7	Green Pond High
8	Maldon High
9	Spot Valley High
10	St. James High
11	Cambridge High

Westmoreland

1	Mannings High School
2	Frome Technical High
3	Little London High
4	Maud McLeod High
5	Godfrey Stewart High
6	Belmont Academy
7	Pertersfield High
8	Grange Hill High

St. Elizabeth

1	Munro College
2	Hampton High
3	St. Elizabeth Technical High
4	Black River High
5	Lacovia High
6	Maggotty High
7	B.B. Coke High
8	Little London High
9	Balaclava High
10	Belmont Academy
11	Peterfield High School
12	Newell High

Manchester

1	Bishop Gibson
2	DeCarteret College
3	Manchester High
4	May day High School
5	Bellefield High
6	Mile Gully High
7	Holmwood Technical High
8	Porus High School
9	Winston Jones High
10	Cross Keys High
11	Christiana High

Clarendon

1	Glenmuir High
2	Knox College
3	Clarendon College
4	Denbigh High
5	Edwin Allen High
6	Garvey Maceo High
7	Spaldings High School
8	Lennon High
9	Vere Technical High
10	Claude McKay
11	Alston High

12	Kemps Hill High
13	Foga Road High
14	Central High
15	Thompson Town High
16	Kellits High
17	Bustamante High

PARISH RANKINGS

The all-parish rankings show how parishes are performing comparatively. This ranking is an indication of the parish in which your child is likely to have the best educational experience. This was calculated by taking all the schools in each parish and averaging the percentage of grade 11 cohort attaining 5 subjects including Mathematics and/or English.

RANKING	PARISH	Percentage (%) of grade 11 cohort attaining Five (5) subjects with English and/or Mathematics across the parish.
1	Kingston & St. Andrew	38.4%
2	St. Ann	36.5%
3	Manchester	34.8%
4	St. James	30.0%
5	Clarendon	27.5%
6	Trelawny	27.3%
7	St. Elizabeth	22.4%
8	St. Mary	20.4%
9	Westmoreland	17.6%

10	St. Catherine	17.5%
11	Portland	17.0%
12	St. Thomas	16.8%
13	Hanover	12.2%

Summary

- Champion College is the best performing school in Jamaica.
- Donald Quarrie is the poorest performing school in Jamaica.
- 12 of the top 20 schools in the country are all-girls' schools.
- Wolmers Girls' School is the best all-girls' school.
- Wolmers Boys' School is the best all-boys' school.
- The top co-educational school in the country is Champion College.
- Kingston & St. Andrew is the best parish on the island to educate your child.
- The worst parish in which to educate your child is Hanover.

Where did we get our data/information?

The information/data that was used in preparing this document was obtained from the Ministry of Education via an application. We have not changed or adjusted any data or information that was obtained from the Ministry of Education.

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