



## 2025-26 Schools of Excellence

The Idaho High School Activities Association is pleased to announce the 2025-2026 winners of the "Schools of Excellence" program, sponsored by First Federal Bank. This year-long, voluntary program, where schools earn points based on their student-athletes' performance in athletics, academics and sportsmanship, is the top award for the IHSAA and its member schools. The top three schools in each classification will be recognized at the IHSAA Annual Meeting, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

<b>6A</b>	<b>Eagle High School</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Rocky Mountain High School	<b>Susan McInerney, Principal; Tony Brulotte, AD</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> place – Highland High School
<b>5A</b>	<b>Bishop Kelly High School</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Twin Falls High School	<b>Sarah Quilici, Principal; Tom Shanahan, AD</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> place – Century High School
<b>4A</b>	<b>Kimberly High School</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Sugar-Salem High School	<b>Darin Gonzales, Principal; Zach Dong, AD</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> place – Fruitland High School
<b>3A</b>	<b>Malad High School</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Ririe High School	<b>Robert Hannah, Principal; Ty Price, AD</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> place – Soda Springs High School
<b>2A</b>	<b>Prairie High School</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Grace High School	<b>Matt Elven, Principal; Travis Mader, AD</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> place – Oakley High School
<b>1A</b>	<b>Rockland High School</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Genesee High School	<b>Greg Larson, Principal; Andrew Nelson, AD</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> place – Carey High School

The three major areas of high school activities are weighted equally in determining recipients of the award.

- The Academic Component is based on the varsity team's cumulative GPA as submitted on the State Academic Champions application for all IHSAA sponsored sports/activity programs.
- The Performance Component is based on place of finish at IHSAA-sponsored state championships and activity program competitions.
- The Citizenship Component is based on a school's self-evaluation of their citizenship/sportsmanship activities as submitted on an itemized form. Deductions are made by the IHSAA for player and/or coach unsportsmanlike ejections and also for unsportsmanlike school behavior at state tournaments.

In addition to the primary awards, schools that score 90% on the Citizenship Component and have no player/coach ejections throughout the year or incidents of unsportsmanlike school behavior at state tournaments will receive an "Award of Excellence" certificate. **The 2025-2026 Award of Excellence schools are Highland, Timberline, Bishop Kelly, Twin Falls, Century, Bonneville, Preston, Burley, Nampa, Kimberly, Sugar-Salem, Buhl, Malad, Ririe, Prairie, and Genesee.**