## NHSBCA/Baseball America High School Baseball 2013 Top 25 Rankings

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## Another New No. 1 Atop High School Top 25

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In what is typically a running theme, the Baseball America/National High School Baseball Coaches Association Top 25, presented by Marucci Sports, has a new No. 1. This week it's The Woodlands (Texas) High. The Highlanders are off to an 18-0 start behind super sophomore Chris Andritsos, a corner infielder and righthander, and pitchers Ryan Burnett and Carter Hope. For the second year in a row, a Texas school will travel to Cary, N.C., to defend its No. 1 ranking in the USA Baseball National High School Invitational. The Woodlands faces No. 21 Jenks (Okla.) High in the first round.

Cathedral Catholic High (San Diego) slipped to No. 3 after losing to Granite Hills High (El Cajon, Calif.). Of the top five teams, four will be at the 2013 NHSI: The Woodlands, No. 2 Venice (Fla.) High, Cathedral Catholic and No. 5 Mater Dei High (Santa Ana, Calif.)—the defending NHSI champions. Three other teams—No. 12 Harvard-Westlake High (Studio City, Calif.), No. 15 Tullahoma (Tenn.) High and Jenks.

O'Connor High (Phoenix) jumped into the rankings at No. 19 after going 16-0 to open the season and beating perennial power Bishop Gorman High (Las Vegas). Klein (Texas) High is no longer undefeated, but still moved up nine spots after a 17-1 start. Campolindo High of Moraga, Calif.) dropped the most—16 spots to No. 24. The Cougars got a much-needed win against Elk Grove (Calif.) High, but have been on notice and simply aren't living up to expectations with a 4-4 start.

#	School-City-State	Record	Rank Previously
1	The Woodlands HS, TX	18-0	3
2	Venice HS, FL	11-1	5
3	Cathedral Catholic HS, San Diego, CA	7-1	1
4	Carroll HS, Southlake, TX	17-2	6
5	Mater Dei HS, Santa Ana, CA	6-1	11
6	Parkview HS, Lilburn, GA	7-2	2
7	American Heritage HS, Plantation, FL	12-2	4
8	Loganville HS, GA	8-1	15
9	Tampa Jesuit HS, Tampa, FL	13-0	16
10	Gainesville HS, GA	9-1	17
11	Klein HS, TX	17-1	20
12	Harvard-Westlake HS, Studio City, CA	9-2	12
13	St. Francis HS, Mountain View, CA	12-1	21
14	Barbe HS, Lake Charles, LA	18-2	23
15	Tullahoma HS, TN	11-1	22
16	Spruce Creek HS, Port Orange, FL	10-3	7
17	Rancho Bernardo HS, San Diego, CA	6-2	9
18	Tomball HS, TX	18-0	NR
19	Sandra Day O'Connor HS, Phoenix, AZ	16-0	NR
20	Owasso HS, OK	13-0	NR
21	Jenks HS, OK	8-2	10
22	Pensacola Catholic HS, FL	13-0	NR
23	Cherry Creek HS, Greenwood Village, CO	3-1	18
24	Campolindo HS, Moraga, CA	4-4	8
25	Coronado HS, Henderson, NV	8-1	24

<u>Dropped out:</u> #13 Grayson HS, Loganville GA; #14 Fort Bends Dulles HS, Sugar Land TX; #19 Hamilton HS, Chandler, AZ; #25 Archbishop McCarthy HS, Southwest Ranches, FL.

The staffs of *Baseball America* and the BCA compile the Top 25 rankings. In-season polls of the top 25 will be conducted every two weeks and released every other Tuesday throughout the season. The first in-season poll will be released on <u>March 13</u> and the final poll will be released <u>June 12</u> and will expand to 50 teams. Records indicated do not include ties.