

**NHSBCA/Baseball America High School Baseball**  
**2014 Top 25 Rankings**  
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Turnover continues at the top of the rankings as a key matchup between previous No. 1 Archbishop McCarthy High (Southwest Ranches, Fla.) and No. 7 Flanagan High (Pembroke Pines, Fla.) gave Archbishop McCarthy its second loss of the season, moving Barbe High (Lake Charles, La.) into the top spot in the latest Baseball America/National High School Baseball Coaches Association High School Top 25, sponsored by TeamSnap.

Although Barbe is the fourth team to top the rankings, it has been a fixture in the top tier throughout the season. Barbe entered the year at No. 6 in the preseason rankings and has not moved lower than No. 7. Led by coach Glenn Cecchini, the father of Gavin and Garin, Barbe sits at 31-2 with two regular season games remaining on its schedule this week. Its deep, potent lineup is averaging 9.9 runs per game with a run differential of plus 230 runs. Barbe will enter the Louisiana state playoffs as the favorite to win its second state title, with a current winning streak of 20 games.

The biggest mover in the top half of the rankings is Flanagan, which moved up to No. 2 entering the state playoffs in Florida.

There was significantly less turnover in the top 10 teams this week, as all but one of the top nine teams in last week's poll rankings is in the top 10 this week. The only team to rank in the top 10 this week which was not there last week is previously unranked Huntington Beach (Calif.) High. The Oilers won the Hard 9 National Classic and are on a 15-game winning streak. Huntington Beach has been carried by the strength of its run prevention with a 1.53 ERA and sure-handed defense (.970 fielding percentage). The Oilers could be a staple in the rankings over the next year, as the core of its team is underclassmen. The top senior on the team is infielder Jesse Kuet, a four-year starter and Area Code Games participant who is committed to Stanford.

Oklahoma teams continue to seesaw for the placement in the rankings. No. 13 Stillwater (Okla.) High moves into the rankings for the first time this season and has a headlining draft prospect in outfielder Jon Littell, a multi-sport athlete with a great body. Littell is committed to Oklahoma State, where his father, Jim, is the women's basketball coach. No. 23 Jenks (Okla.) High also moved into the rankings this week and the two ranked Oklahoma teams will square off next Monday and Tuesday in a pair of games on the last week of the regular season. Jenks moved back into the rankings after being ranked earlier in the season with Owasso (Okla.) High falling out for the second time this season.

The previously-top ranked team in Virginia and reigning state champ, Hanover High, lost a pair of games and was displaced in the rankings by Western Branch High (Chesapeake Va.). Western Branch has senior catcher Devon Fisher, a Virginia commit who has a plus arm that is one of the strongest in the class, and could factor into the top few rounds of the draft.

The other two new additions to the rankings are No. 20 Sarasota (Fla.) High and No. 25 Tift County High (Tifton, Ga.). Tift County's top draft prospect is outfielder/first baseman Alex Abbott, a Florida commit, who is very old (20 in November) for the class. Sarasota has played a very tough schedule and has infielder Dylan Busby, a versatile athlete with contact ability and at least average speed.

Although the baseball season is in its nascent stages of the season in many northern states, playoff action has started in some warm weather states, with many others soon to follow.

<b>#</b>	<b><i>School-City-State</i></b>	<b><i>Record</i></b>	<b><i>Rank Previously</i></b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Barbe HS, St. Charles, LA</b>	<b>29-2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Flanagan HS, Pembroke Pines, FL</b>	<b>20-1</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>San Antonio O'Connor HS, Helotes, TX</b>	<b>26-1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Archbishop McCarthy HS, Southwest Ranches, FL</b>	<b>22-2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>St. Francis HS, Mountain View, CA</b>	<b>16-3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Moody HS, Corpus Christi, TX</b>	<b>25-2</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>The First Academy, Orlando, FL</b>	<b>20-2</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Pearland HS, TX</b>	<b>26-2</b>	<b>9</b>

<b>9</b>	<b>Lambert HS, Suwanee, GA</b>	<b>21-0</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Huntington Beach HS, CA</b>	<b>17-2</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Buchanan HS, Clovis, CA</b>	<b>18-4</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Hamilton HS, Chandler, AZ</b>	<b>22-3</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Stillwater HS, OK</b>	<b>21-1</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Clovis HS, CA</b>	<b>25-4</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Christian Brothers HS, Memphis, TN</b>	<b>14-2</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Horizon HS, Scottsdale, AZ</b>	<b>20-4</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Calallen HS, Corpus Christi, TX</b>	<b>28-3</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Parkview HS, Lilburn, GA</b>	<b>18-3</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>JSerra Catholic HS, San Juan Capistrano, CA</b>	<b>13-4</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Saraosta HS, FL</b>	<b>22-2</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Chaparral HS, Scottsdale, AZ</b>	<b>20-3</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Loyola HS, Los Angeles, CA</b>	<b>15-2</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Jenks HS, OK</b>	<b>20-2</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Western Branch HS, Chesapeake, VA</b>	<b>10-0</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Tift County HS, FL</b>	<b>16-2</b>	<b>NA</b>

**Dropped Teams from Top 25: #12 Walton HS, Marietta, GA; #15 Southlake HS, Carroll, TX; #18 Owasso HS, OK; #20 Hanover HS, Mechanicsville, VA; #21 Langham HS, TX; #22 Rancho Bernardo HS, San Diego, CA;**

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 March 13 and the final poll will be released June 12 and will expand to 50 teams. Records indicated do not include ties.

**Other teams to watch:**

**Region 1** (CT MA ME NH NY RI VE)

*Telecommunication Tech HS, Bronx, NY (7-0)*

*Baldwinsville HS, NY (8-1)*

*Fairfield Prep HS, NY (9-0)*

*Bayport-Briar Point HS, NY (6-0)*

*Bridgewater-Raynham HS, MA (6-0)*

*Grand Station HS, Brooklyn, NY (6-0)*

*Bishop Hendricken HS, Warwick, RI (5-0)*

*George Washington HS, NYC, NY (7-0)*

*North Kingstown HS, RI (-4-1)*

*New Britain HS, CT (6-0)*

**Region 3** (AL FL GA NC SC TN)

*Alltoona HS, Acworth, GA (21-2)*

*Killian HS, Miami, FL (21-4)*

*Columbus HS, Miami, FL (20-5)*

*Mosley HS, Lynn Haven, FL (20-2)*

*West Boca HS, Boca Raton, FL (18-1)*

*Creekside HS, Jacksonville, FL (21-3)*

*Clearwater Central Catholic HS, FL (24-0)*

**Region 5** (IA KS MN MO NE ND)

*Blue Valley West HS, Stilwell, KS (5-2)*

*Omaha Westside HS, NE (18-1)*

*Liberty North HS, MO (14-1)*

**Region 2** (DC DE MD NJ PA VA WV)

*Riverdale Baptist HS, Upper Marlboro, MD (14-2)*

*Cosby HS, Midlothian, VA (7-0)*

*St. Marks Catholic HS, Wilmington, DE (8-0)*

*Bishop Eustace HS, Pennsauken, NJ (7-0)*

*Douglas Freeman HS, Richmond, VA (7-0)*

*Arch Bishop Spalding HS, Severn, MD (14-2)*

*Jefferson HS, Shenandoah Junction, WV (13-1)*

**Region 4** (IL IN KY MI OH WI) need

*Birmingham Brother Rice HS, Bloomfield Hills, MI (4-1)*

*Archbishop Moeller HS, Cincinnati, OH (9-1)*

*St. Laurence HS, Burbank, IL (10-2)*

*Mount Carmel HS, IL (9-1)*

*Defiance HS, OH (7-1)*

*Bloom-Carroll HS, Carroll, OH (11-0)*

*West Jessamine HS, Nicholasville, KY (15-3)*

**Region 6** (AR LA MS OK TX)

*George County HS, Lucedale, MS (17-3)*

*Yukon HS, OK (16-4)*

*West Lauderdale HS, Collinsville, MS (16-0)*

*Francis Howell HS, St. Charles, MO (13-6)*

*Parkway South HS, Ballwin, MO (13-1)*

*Olathe East HS, KS (9-2)*

*Creighton Prep HS, Omaha, NE (13-1)*

*Millard West HS, Omaha, NE (13-2)*

*Lawrence HS, KS (6-3)*

*Lee's Summit West, MO (9-3)*

**Region 7** (AZ CO ID NM NV UT)

*Greenway HS, Phoenix, AZ (19-4)*

*Chatfield HS, Littleton, CO (13-0)*

*Sahuaro HS, Tucson, AZ (18-3)*

*Thunder Ridge HS, Highlands Park, Co (10-3)*

*Liberty HS, Las Vegas, NV (19-3)*

*La Cueva HS, Albuquerque, NM (15-3)*

*Reno HS, NV (18-2)*

*Nogales HS, AZ (19-4)*

*El Dorado HS, Albuquerque, NM (15-3)*

*Spanish Fork HS, UT (13-4)*

*Capital HS, Boise, ID (12-3)*

*Fayetteville HS, AR (18-4)*

*Owasso HS, OK (14-5)*

*Broken Arrow HS, OK (23-4)*

*Tomball HS, TX (19-3)*

*NW Rankin HS, Brandon, MS (18-4)*

*Southlake HS, Carroll, TX (23-4)*

**Region 8** (AK CA HI OR WA)

*Rancho Bernardo HS, San Diego, CA (16-3)*

*Temecula HS, CA (13-4)*

*Harvard-Westlake HS, Studio City, CA (14-4)*

*Great Oaks HS, Temecula, CA (14-5)*

*Puyallup HS, WA (15-0)*

*Cathedral Catholic HS, San Diego, CA (14-3)*

*Elk Grove HS, CA (12-4)*

*Harvard-Westlake HS, Studio City, CA (14-4)*

*Vista Murrieta HS, CA (14-4)*

*Clovis North HS, CA (16-7)*