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Buffalo's top private schools: City dominates new-for-2024 list



Buffalo Seminary in Buffalo.

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STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- Buffalo Seminary has been ranked the top private school in Buffalo by Niche.

- Buffalo Seminary has a new head of school, Blair Parker, who came to Buffalo from Atlanta.
- Nichols School, which ranked second, last year purchased a nearby property for \$2 million.

Buffalo Seminary, a girls' day and boarding school in Buffalo, is the region's top private school, according to Niche's recently published [2025 Best Schools and Districts rankings](#).

Niche is a Pittsburgh-based organization that collects, organizes and shares data on schools — K-12, but also colleges — throughout the United States. If that name sounds familiar, it's because Business First worked with Niche for the data behind [this year's Schools Guide](#).

Niche gave Buffalo Seminary an overall grade of A+, as well as A+ for academics and clubs and activities. It got an A for diversity and college prep, an A- for teachers and a B+ for sports.

Buffalo Seminary, which has 152 students, just [welcomed a new head of school, Blair Parker](#), from Atlanta. Parker has worked as a teacher and administrator at private girls' schools across the east coast and most recently served as head of upper school at Friends Seminary in New York City.

The No. 2 school on the list, Nichols School, has 596 students and got an A+ for overall, academics and college prep. It got an A for club and activities and an A- for teachers, diversity and sports.

Last year, [Nichols bought a nearby property](#) — a single family home on 1.3 acres at 1180 Amherst St. — for just under \$2 million. The school had previously owned the property and used it for housing faculty and staff, but sold it about 16 years ago. While the school bought the property in June 2023, the school has not yet disclosed what its plans are for the property.

Top 10 private high schools in Buffalo Niagara

1. Buffalo Seminary, Buffalo
2. Nichols School, Buffalo
3. The Park School of Buffalo, Amherst
4. Canisius High School, Buffalo
5. Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart, Buffalo
6. Nardin Academy, Buffalo
7. St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, Buffalo
8. Christian Central Academy, Williamsville
9. Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School, Buffalo
10. Mount St. Mary Academy, Kenmore

[Head to Niche to see the rest of the list.](#)

[Private Secondary Schools in Buffalo 2024](#)

Enrollment

Rank	Prior Rank	Name/ prior (*new or not ranked)/ URL
1	1	St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute
2	2	Canisius High School
3	3	St. Mary's High School

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