Sacramento Country Day School tops Niche list of region's best private high schools for 2024

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Sacramento County schools take nine spots of the top 10 private high schools in the Sacramento area, according to a 2024 ranking from the national rating and review website Niche.com Inc.

The Pittsburgh-based website rates schools through its letter grade system, based on factors including academics, diversity, teachers, college prep, clubs and activities and sports. For high schools, it also collects information on graduation rates, the percentage of students who go on to four-year colleges after graduation and student and parent evaluations.

In the Sacramento area, three private high schools earned the highest overall grade of A-plus. Sacramento Country Day School tops the local list and ranks No. 89 out of 454 Niche-rated private high schools in California. Christian Brother High School and Jesuit High School also earned A-plus rankings, at No. 2 and 3 on the list.

The list below includes the Sacramento area's top 10 private high schools, according to data from Niche.

Woodland Christian School is the only school making the list outside Sacramento County. The Yolo County school ranked No.9.

Of the top 10, two are single-gender schools — the all-boys Jesuit High School and the all-girls St. Francis High School, which ranked at No. 5. Most schools on the list are Christian schools. An Islamic school, Al-Arqam Islamic School and College Preparatory School in Sacramento, makes the list at No. 7 and is among the top five Islamic schools in the state.

We didn't include Freedom Christian School in Fair Oaks, which was the local No.8 on Niche's private high school rankings. It was permanently closed at the end of the last school year due to low enrollment, Donny Burleson, a pastor at Freedom Church, told the Business Journal.

This is one of a series of stories about Niche's rankings of local schools. We published a top 25 public high schools list that can be found here.

Niche's full ranking of the Sacramento area's top public high schools is available online.