UACE: BEST PERFORMING SCHOOLS BY REGION

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According to an analysis conducted by *New Vision* on the 2025 Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) examinations' results released on Friday, schools in Buganda and Ankole regions emerged the best in both sciences and arts subjects. Schools from Bunyoro, Teso, and Kampala followed in third, fourth and fifth positions.

The top three schools in sciences, according to the ranking, were from Buganda. The best school was St Julian High School Annex Gayaza, where the average performance in sciences was calculated at 17.2 points. In Arts, however, St Julian High School Annex Gayaza came second after Cornerstone Leadership Nakasongola, which had an average performance of 18.6 points. St Mary's Namagunga and God's Way High School Maganjo were in second and third places in sciences with an average performance of 16.7 points and 16.5 points respectively.

Other schools which performed well in Buganda included: Gayaza High School, Act High School Kakuuto, St Mary Secondary School Kitende, Seeta High School Mukono, and King's College Budo.



UACE champions of Nakawa Union Vision Secondary School with their headteacher Mary Namazzi (first left) celebrate their victory

Ntare School in Mbarara and St Andrea Kahwa's College Hoima from Ankole and Bunyoro respectively were in third and fourth positions in science performance with an average of 16.4 points and 16.2 points respectively.

In Teso, Amus College was the best in sciences with the average performance of 15.6 points. It was followed by Amus College Annex which had an average performance of 15.3 points.

In Kampala, Nakawa Union Vision Secondary School was the best with an average of 14.6 points in sciences. In arts subjects, Kawempe Muslim Secondary School was the best with the average of 14.6 points.

In Busoga, schools such as Iganga Secondary School, Viva College School, Wairaka, Budini had remarkable performances in arts subjects, while Jinja Progressive Secondary School Annex topped the region in sciences.

In Acholi, schools such as Restore Leadership Gulu, Ocer Campion Jesuit College and Sacred Heart Secondary School Gulu, topped the list. The least performance was registered in West Nile and Karamoja where the best schools had their average performance below 10 points.

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FINANCIAL INPUT VS RESULTS

According to Dr Primrose Nakazibwe, an academician and education administrator serving as the dean of the faculty of humanities and education at Ndejje University, the regional performance is being informed by competition in terms of how much people invest.

"After you ask a parent for sh3m, what are you trading it for? The investment parents put in must be rewarded at whatever cost. But that investment also enables schools to do so many things. There are so many seminars, so much literature, so much exposure to the Internet, learning online and offline," Nakazibwe noted.

GENERAL PERFORMANCE

A total of 166,400 candidates registered for the 2025 UACE examinations, representing an increase of 17.2% from 141,996 candidates in 2024. According to the Uganda National Examinations Board (UNEB), of the 166,400 candidates who sat last year, 72,764 (43.7%) were female and 93,636 (56.3%) male. UNEB indicated that 113,291 out of 165,172 candidates who sat for A-level exams at 2,452 cer were fit to join university.

According to Patrick Uma, the head of Vision Group's research department, the *New Vision* ranking of regional UACE performance was based on UNEB data; the average class performance for each school in the 2025 UACE exams was analysed.

Top UACE schools in Arts per region 2025

	CENTRENAME	AV. POINTS	NO. CANDS
	ACHOLI		
1	Ocer Campion Jesuit Col.	12.9	38
2	Restore Leadership HS Gulu	12.3	120
3	ST. John Paul Ii Col. Gulu	11.4	46
4	ArchbP. Flynn SS	11.1	15
5	Gulu Central HS	10.0	144
6	ST. Mary's Col. Lacor	9.5	20
7	Sacred Heart SS Gulu	9.4	38
8	Graceland Girls' SS Gulu	9.3	25
9	Paicho SS Gulu	9.0	18
10	Y. Y. Okot Girls' Memorial School	8.1	47
11	Adilang SS	8.1	39
12	Gulu HS	7.8	39
13	ST. Joseph's Col. Layibi	7.4	24
14	Bishop Angelo Negri Col. Gulu	7.3	22
15	Kitgum Comprehensive Col.	7.3	120
16	Koro SS Gulu	7.0	37
17	Gulu SS	6.9	206
18	P. p Newton HS Gulu	6.9	28
19	Keyo SS	6.9	63
20	Sir Samuel Baker School	6.9	14
21	Gulu Army SS	6.8	59
22	ReV. Jabuloni Issoke Memorial Col.	6.7	35
23	Layibi HS	6.7	24
24	ST. Charles Lwanga Col. Kalongo	6.6	21
25	Kitgum HS	6.6	66
26	Awere SS	6.4	25
27	Pope Paul Vi SS Anaka	6.4	67
28	Charity Col. Gulu	6.2	29
29	Trinity Col. Gulu	6.2	34
30	Opit SS	6.1	29
	ANKOLE		
1	Maryhill HS	15.7	56
2	Nsambya Hillside-Western Campus	14.8	25
3	Ntare School	14.5	26
4	Kitabi Seminary	14.1	13
5	Bweranyangi Girls' School	13.7	62
6	Ntungamo Girls' HS	13.4	63
7	Link Excel HS Igorora	13.3	19
8	Kigaragara Voc. SS	13.1	22
9	ST. Joseph's Voc. Sch., Mbarara	13.0	32
10	Crater HS Kijongo	12.9	29
11	Timbitwire Girls' SS	12.8	10
12	Alliance SS Ibanda	12.7	86
13	ST. Mary's Voc. Sch., Kyamuhunga	12.6	80
14	Sacred Heart SS Mushanga	12.5	82
15	ST. Mary's Girls' Voc. Sch. Mbarara	12.5	82
16	ST. Cecilia Girls' SS Bushenyi	12.4	17
17	ST. Mark Voc. Sch. Nyakatooma	12.2	38
18	Citizens SS Ibanda	12.2	215
19	Mbarara HS	12.2	53
20	ST. Kana SS Katooma, Kigoma	12.0	42
20	Shuhadae Islamic School, Mbarara	12.0	42
21	Ntungamo HS	11.8	132
22	ST. Charles Lwanga HS Kashekuro	11.7	76
23	Global HS Omungyenyi	11.7	80
24	Sheema Premier School	11.6	58
25	Bugongi SS	11.5	43
26	Bwongyera Girls' SS	11.5	42
27	Rushanje Girls SS	11.5	18
28	ST. Augustine Minor Seminary, Rwera	11.5	27
29	Masheruka Girls' SS	11.5	63
30	Kichwamba HS	11.4	73
	BUGANDA		
1	Cornerstone Leadership Academy	18.6	10
2	ST. Julian HS Annex4, Gayaza	17.7	20
3	Cornerstone Leadership Academy	17.1	15
4	Gayaza HS	16.6	65
5	Central Col. Annex, Mityana	16.6	23
6	Seeta HS	16.5	83
7	Seeta HS Mukono	16.3	152
8	ST. Joseph's SS Naggalama	15.9	42
9	MT. ST. Mary's, Namagunga	15.5	25
10	ST. Henry's Col. Kitovu	15.3	21
11	Seeta HS "A" Level Campus	15.2	132
12	Uganda Martyrs SS Namugongo	15.1	129
13	Master Cares Christian HS	15.1	17
14	ST. Mary's SS Kitende	15.0	164
15	Gombe SS	14.9	163
16	Brixton SS Wattuba	14.8	12
17	King's Col. Budo	14.7	105
18	Makerere Col. School, Mulawa	14.7	18
19	Midland HS Buntaba	14.7	48
20	Ndejje SS	14.7	75
21	Light Academy SS	14.6	37
22	God's Way HS Maganjo	14.3	48
23	Madinah Islamic SS Nsangi	14.2	144
24	Seeta HS Green Campus, Mukono	14.2	136
25	Naalya SS Bweyogerere	14.0	91
26	Trinity Col. Nabbingo	13.9	68
27	Royal Col. Namugongo, Mukono Camp	13.8	33
28	ST. Mark's Col. Namagoma	13.8	221
29	ST. Mary's Col. Lugazi	13.8	177
30	Kisozi HS	13.7	46
	BUKEDI		
1	Nagongera Seminary	12.6	16
2	Tororo Girls' School	11.9	63
3	Kamonkoli Col.	10.5	38
3	Mama Kevina Comprehensive SS Tororo	10.5	24
4	Ezra Memorial SS	10.1	47
5	ST. Francis De Sales SS	9.8	32
6	Petta Community SS	9.5	111
7	Kisoko HS	9.5	32
8	Great Aubrey Memorial Col.	9.3	113
9	Riverside Col. Tirinyi	9.2	17
10	ST. Peter's Col. Tororo	9.0	11
11	Rainbow HS Budaka	8.9	73
12	Pallisa Community SS	8.8	19
13	Rubongi Army SS Tororo	8.7	116
14	Alliance SS Kibuku	8.7	22
15	Tororo Mixed SS	8.6	65
16	Luma Eastern Col. Busia	8.4	52
17	John Paul SS Chelekura	8.2	25
18	Busia Trust SS	8.2	116
19	Ngoma SS Mbale	8.0	42
20	Pallisa HS	8.0	22
21	ST. Paul HS Petete	7.9	15
22	Pal And Lisa Col. Pallisa	7.9	11
23	Tanna Memorial HS	7.8	11
24	J. Rainer Modern SS	7.6	35
25	Paradise SS Kibuku	7.5	21
26	Butebo SS	7.5	11
27	Mulagi Girls SS	7.3	17
28	Buhobe SS	7.0	66
29	Budaka Universal Col.	6.9	26
30	Tororo Progressive SS	6.8	87
	BUNYORO		
1	ST. Andrea Kahwa's Col. Hoima	14.4	18
2	Mandela SS Annex, Hoima	14.2	37
3	Notre Dame Academy, Buseesa	13.6	16
4	Kigumba Intensive SS	12.6	72
5	ST. Edward's School, Bukuumi	12.5	39
6	ST. John Bosco Seminary, Hoima	12.2	34
7	Bwijanga SS Masindi	12.0	42
8	Trinity Catholic HS	11.6	36
9	Geneva SS Hoima	11.5	11
10	ST. James SS Hoima	11.4	52
11	Kigumba Parents SS	11.2	27
12	Jordan Pride SS Nyangahya	10.5	42
13	Masindi Army SS	10.2	91
14	Central School, Hoima	9.9	28
15	Makerere Competent HS Hoima	9.8	42
16	ST. Kirigwajjo SS Karuguuza	9.7	59
17	ST. Francis Xavier Modern Ss	9.6	30
18	ST. Peter's HS Hoima	9.6	48
19	Hill Top HS Hoima	9.5	28
20	Canon Njangali HS	9.5	17
21	Blessed Comboni SS Kigumba	9.4	41
22	ST. Thereza Girls' SS Masindi	9.4	36
23	Kisaalizi SS	9.2	11
24	Coburwas SS Kyangwali	9.1	60
25	Biiso War Memorial SS	9.0	50
26	Kass SS	8.9	21
27	Kiryandongo HS	8.9	34
28	Uganda Martyrs Centenary SS Kakumiro	8.6	30
29	Duhaga SS	8.6	97
30	Mandela SS Hoima	8.5	102
	BUSOGA		
1	Iganga SS	15.4	73
2	Viva Col. School, Wairaka	13.9	76
3	Budini SS	13.0	64
4	Victoria HS Iganga	12.4	24
5	Jinja Progressive SS Annex	12.1	166
6	Holy Cross Lake View SS Jinja	12.1	56
7	MT. Zion HS Iganga	11.9	57
8	Central Col. Kamuli	11.9	46
9	Wanyange Girls School	11.6	63
10	Luwangula SS	11.2	10
11	ST. John's Buwaaya SS	11.0	88
12	Jinja Col.	10.9	16
13	Ibun Baz Boys SS	10.5	31
14	Harding Christian Academy	10.5	15
15	Kiira Col. Butiki	10.4	39
16	Nakanyonyi Girls School	10.4	27
17	Greenfields HS Iganga	10.1	42
18	Victorious HS Buwangala	9.9	14
19	Tropical HS Idudi	9.8	30
20	Busoga Col. Mwiri	9.7	55
21	Walibo Seed School	9.6	29
22	ST. Joseph SS Nakanyonyi	9.6	48
23	Bugembe Islamic Institute	9.5	54
24	Mother Kevin SS Jinja	9.5	20
25	Lakeside SS Masese	9.3	78
26	Ibun Baz Girls' SS Iganga	9.2	50
27	Naminyagwe Muslim SS	9.2	22
28	M.m Col. Wairaka	9.2	42
29	P. m.m Girls' School, Jinja	9.2	29
30	Kakira SS	9.2	49