

UCE RESULTS

The rankings were based on the average number of candidates scoring grades A and B in seven compulsory subjects under the new grading system, writes **Martin Kitubi**.

After a long time, traditional secondary schools have finally regained the top positions among the best-performing schools per region. Traditional schools, which were previously lagging behind private and newer schools, have regained their top positions countrywide in the just released Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) results.

Data obtained from Uganda National Examinations Board (UNEB) and analysed by Vision Group shows that traditional schools were ranked the best in Ankole, Buganda, Bukedi, Busoga, Elgon, Kigezi and Lango sub-regions.

According to the data,

REGIONAL RANKING: TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS BOUNCE BACK IN UCE

St Mary's College Kisubi in Wakiso district was the best in Buganda and the country, while Rubongi Army Secondary School Annex in Tororo district topped Bukedi.

Jinja College was the best-performing school in Busoga, while Nabumali High School in Mbale claimed the top position in Elgon sub-region.

In Kigezi, Immaculate Heart Girls School Nyakibale in Rukungiri district was the best, while Mary Hill High School in Mbarara was the best in Ankole.

In Lango, St Mary's Girls College Aboke in Kole district was the best, while Nadiket Seminary in Moroto topped Karamoja sub-region.

Patrick Uma, Vision Group's research and data analyst, explained that the ranking of the best UCE schools per region was conducted based on the average number of candidates who scored letter grade A and B per school in



Samantha Nakinalwa of St Joseph's SS Naggalama, who scored 8As and 1B, celebrates with her mother, Sarah Nansubuga in Mukono recently

the seven compulsory subjects.

The compulsory subjects are: English, geography, mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology and history with political education.

Under the new grading system, letter grade 'A' is given

to exceptional candidates who demonstrate an extraordinary level of competence by applying innovatively and creatively acquired knowledge and skills in real life situations.

In addition, letter grade 'B' is awarded to outstanding

candidates in a subject who demonstrate a high level of competence by applying the acquired knowledge and skills in real life situations.

The 2025 UCE results were released on Friday by the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Mrs Janet Museveni, during a function held at State House, Nakasero in Kampala.

Mrs Museveni said the Senior Five selection and placement exercise shall be conducted at the Uganda Manufacturers Association showgrounds in Lugogo, Kampala from February 18-19. The 2026 Senior Five first term will start on March 5.

PERFORMANCE IN REGIONS

In Buganda, St Mary's College Kisubi was followed by Seeta High main campus in second position, Central College Mityana in third, Uganda Martyr's Secondary School Namugongo in fourth, with

St Joseph's Secondary School Naggalama ranking fifth in the region. The other schools that made it to the top 10 in Buganda include Bishops Senior School Mukono Annex, Seeta High School Mukono Campus, St Mary's Secondary School Kitende, Seeta High School A'level Campus and Seeta High School Green Campus, which were in sixth to 10th position, in that order.

In Busoga, Jinja College was followed by Iganga Secondary School, Viva College School Wairaka, St Mary's Secondary School Masese and Kiira College Butiki as the top five.

The other top 10 schools in Busoga include Holy Cross Lake View Secondary School Jinja, Budini Secondary School in Kaliro, Busoga College Mwiri in Jinja, Greenfields High School Iganga and St Gonzaga Minor Seminary Iganga, in that order.

In Elgon sub-region, the top 10 schools were; Nabumali High School, St Paul's College Mbale, Sebei College Tegeres in Kapchorwa, Destiny High School Kaato in Manafwa, St Mary's High School Busamaga in Mbale, Kapchorwa Parents Secondary School, Elgon Emirates Secondary School Kapchorwa, Oakwood High School in Mbale, Sironko Parents Secondary School and Ideal Girls High School Mbale, in that order.