School Rankings – Board Statement

The best school for a child is the one that can best meet the needs of that particular child. The goal of choosing a school is to match a child's needs and interests with a school's mission, values, and resources.

Because media rankings of schools are inescapably arbitrary and simplistic and mislead families about the factors that should be considered when choosing a school, the AISNE Board takes the position that such rankings are a disservice to schools, children, and families.

The AISNE Board strongly recommends, therefore, that member schools not participate in any media effort that seeks to rank independent schools or that purports to identify the “best” schools. The Board further asks that schools not use the results of such efforts in their own publicity. (Approved 2009)