

SCHOOLS THAT TOPPED VARSIYT GOVT ADMISSIONS

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St Mary's Secondary School Kitende, Uganda Martyrs Secondary School Namugongo and Mengo Secondary School have the highest number of students that have been admitted to the country's major public universities. This is according to the Government admission list, which was released on Friday.

Kitende had 182 students on the Government admission list and Namugongo 111. The two schools take the lion's share of the admissions. Mengo came in third position with 61 students.

King's College Budo was fourth with 61 students. It was followed by Gombe Secondary School with 60, Seeta High School with 56, Naalya Secondary School-Kampala with 53, Our Lady of Africa with 52, Mandela Secondary School with 48, Seeta High School, Mukono had 45 and St Mary's College Lugazi with 45.

Others were Namilyango College 42, Ntare School 40 and Buddo Secondary School 34.

A total of 403 schools made it to the public universities on Government scholarship. A total of 2,693 students were admitted on the national merit.

Of these, about 1,600 are males. This means that males are still dominating admission to universities on government scholarship, even with the additional 1.5 points affirmative action given to girls.

The admission covered Makerere, Kyambogo, Gulu, Busitema, Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Kabale and Muni universities.

Dr Yusuf Nsubuga, an education consultant, urged parents to make the right choices of schools, especially at the Advanced level.

"Academic performance should be one of the factors that parents consider when selecting a school for their children," he said.

The state minister for higher education, Dr John Chrysostom Muyingo, congratulated the team that handled the selection exercise for having released the list, earlier than the usual time.

"This will give an opportunity to students to prepare for studies early enough. Those who have missed out, can still plan for other options in time," he added.



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He encouraged the students who missed out on university admission, but had excelled, to try the students loan scheme, as they also await the district quota admissions.

The district quota admission list will have about 1,500 students. Muyingo urged those who did not make it to the national list, not lose hope.

"You can still be admitted on private sponsorship in public and government universities or in accredited institutions and you follow up with funding from Government through the Students Loan Scheme. Most students ignore this opportunity, yet it could have helped them foot the tuition bills at the university," he advised.

HOW ADMISSIONS ARE DONE

The higher education admissions process takes place in two stages. First, all students who wish to be considered for admission under the government sponsorship to public universities fill the Joint Admissions Board application

forms and rank their top six choices of degree programmes in offered in public universities.

They also select four choices of diploma programmes at other public tertiary institutions.

This process was completed and the list has now been released, after the committee made its selections.

Districts will also admit the best students from their areas, which also be approved by the Government and later released.

The minimum qualification for entry into public universities is two principal passes obtained from Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education examinations. However, to earn a government scholarship, students need to have an outstanding performance.

This year, courses in civil engineering, petroleum geoscience and production, electrical engineering and education had the highest cut off points in universities, such as Makerere and Kyambogo.

Others were procurement and supply chain management, software engineering and industrial and organisation psychology.

The affirmative action policies such as the bonus points are awarded to girls, applicants with disabilities, talented athletes and the children of university employees.

Students who have not have been admitted on national merit can as well get to the second stage of admissions; for private students, by submitting their credentials to the respective universities. The process has already started in all public universities.

Whereas the private entry scheme was first started at Makerere University, all the other public universities now have similar programmes. The programmes are usually advertised for the students to apply. About 90% of the student population in public universities is privately sponsored.

Due to the limited places, private admission is also merit-based — only the best-performing students are admitted. It is, therefore, not automatic that when one obtains the minimum qualification of two principal passes, they will be admitted. The private admission selection process is actually the same as that of government scholarship admissions.

Students can alternatively join private universities.

Ranking of schools on government admission to universities

St Mary's SS Kitende	182	Hilton HS	9
Uganda Martyrs SS, Namugongo	111	Jinja SS	9
Mengo SS	67	St. Mary's SS Kitende (Annex)	8
King's College, Budo	61	Bishop's Sec. School, Mukono	8
Gombe SS	60	Bubangizi S S	8
Seeta HS	56	Katikamu Sec. Sch., Wobulenzi	8
Naalya SS, Kampala	53	Kyadondo SS	8
Our Lady Of Africa SS, Namilyango	52	Luwero SS	8
Mandela S S, Hoima	48	Makerere College School	8
Seeta HS-Mukono	45	Makindye SS	8
St. Mary's College, Lugazi	45	Mehta SS	8
Namilyango College	42	St. Elizabeth Sec. Sch. Nkoowe	8
Ntare School	40	Brilliant High Sch. Kawempe	7
Buddo Sec. School	34	Kinaawa HS	7
St. Andrea Kahwa's Col., Hoima	33	Kireka HS	7
Masaka SS	32	Kisozi HS	7
St Mary's College, Kisubi	29	Kyambogo College School	7
Gayaza HS	28	Lubiri SS	7
Immaculate Heart Girls School	28	Luzira SS	7
Mt. St. Mary's, Namugunga	28	Merryland HS	7
Bweranyangi Girls' School	26	Najjembe Homeland Secondary S	7
Namirembe Hillside SS	26	Our Lady Of Africa Secondary Sc	7
Bp Cyprian Kihangire SS Luzira	25	St. Michael International Schoo	7
St Henry's College, Kilovu	25	St.maria Goretti S.s, Kalende	7
Kawempe Muslim SS	24	Standard HS, Kampala	7
Kibuli SS	23	Trinity College, Nabbingo	7
Maryhill HS	23	West Ville	7
Mbarara HS	23	Bp. Cyprian H.school Kyabakadde	6
Citizen's SS	22	Busia Trust S S	6
Nabisunsa Girls' School	21	Cornerstone Leadership Academy	6
Seeta HS Green Campus, Mukono	21	Entebbe SS	6
Kabale Brainstorm HS	20	God's Way HS, Maganja	6
Ndejje SS	19	Kibito SS	6
St. Joseph's SS, Naggalama	19	London Col. St. Lawrence Maya	6
St. Mark's SS Namagoma	18	Mbogo HS	6
Iganga SS	16	Old Kampala SS	6
Kitende S S	16	St. Jude SS Masa	6
Lubiri SS (Annex)	16	St. Augustine Col., Wakiso	6
Central College, Mityana	15	St.ary's Voc Sch, Kyamuhunga	6
Nlungamo HS	15	Buloba HS	5
Buloba Royal College	14	Crane H S, Kitintale	5
Jinja Progressive Annex	14	East HS, Kampala	5
Mbale SS	14	Exodus College School, Mmende	5
Mityana Modern SS	14	Gayaza Cambridge College	5
Plus Two HS	14	High Light SS	5
St. Julian HS	14	Hoima Hall	5
St. Peter's S S, Nsambya	14	Kigumba Intensive SS	5
Alliance SS	13	Kitagata SS	5
BleSsed Sacrement SS Kimaanya	13	Light SS, Nyabub	5
Kiira College, Butiki	13	Lugazi Homestone School	5
Madinah Islamic SS, Nsangi	13	Mbogo College School	5
St. Mary's College, Rushoraza	13	Mengo SS Annex	5
St. Peter's SS, Naalya	13	Mt. St. Henry's HS	5
Standard College Ntungamo	13	Namagabi S S	5
Rines SS	11	Royal Giant HS	5
Kajjansi ProgreSSive SS	10	St. Lawrence SS, Ssonde	5
Naalya SS	10	St. Balikudembe S.s.s. Kisoga	5
Pride College School Mpigi	10	St michael HS	5
Seroma Christian HS	10	Tororo Girls' School	5
Green Light Islamic SS	9	Vine HS	5