

Alternate Names for High Schools in West Virginia

Below is a sampling of some alternate names for high schools in West Virginia used in newspaper reports of games. Prior to the 1970s, it was common for newspapers to refer to a school by its location rather than its name, i.e. Grantsville instead of Calhoun County. These unofficial titles are listed in parenthesis, while the names in standard type were official alternate names for the schools listed. I have not listed the dozens of official District high school names, as these were rarely used in game reports and almost all officially changed during the 1930s.

Battelle	Wadestown
Beaver	Bluefield
Beckley	Woodrow Wilson
Bunker Hill	Musselman
Cabin Creek	East Bank
Cathedral	Wheeling Central
Ceredo District	Buffalo of Wayne (not to be confused with nearby Ceredo-Kenova)
Clark District	Roosevelt-Wilson
Clarksburg	Washington Irving
Elizabeth	Wirt County
<i>Griffithsville</i>	Duval
Huntington Central	Huntington (old)
Huttonsville	Tygarts Valley
Magnolia	Matewan (not to be confused with Magnolia of New Martinsville)
<i>Mason</i>	Wahama
<i>New Martinsville</i>	Magnolia
<i>Newell</i>	Wells
Sacred Heart	Charleston Catholic
Saint Xavier	Parkersburg Catholic
Saint Mary's	Notre Dame
Saint Peter's	Fairmont Catholic
Short Line	Valley of Wetzel
<i>Summersville</i>	Nicholas County
<i>Weirton</i>	Weir
West Monongah	Monongah
<i>West Union</i>	Doddridge County (post-1933, see note below)

Some schools have longer official titles that are used off and on in game reports: Bridgeport Union/Bridgeport Senior, Chapmanville Regional, Fairmont Senior, Princeton Senior are examples.

While schools in big towns (such as Beckley and Clarksburg) were referred to by the name of the town, smaller schools (usually Catholic schools) located in the same town as a larger school usually had the name of the town stuck in front of the actual school name: Clarksburg Notre Dame, Clarksburg Victory, Huntington Vinson, Morgantown St. Francis, Weirton Madonna, and Wheeling Central Catholic are all examples of this.

The following area schools were once known by other official titles:

Cairo	Grant District
Clendenin	Big Sandy District
Elkview	Elk District
Gilmore	Ravenswood District
Parkersburg	Central Junior/Senior
Parkersburg Catholic	St. Francis Xavier
Pennsboro	Clay District
Pullman	Union District
Saint Marys	Washington District
Sand Fork	Glenville District
Tanner	DeKalb District
Troy	Troy District
Walton	Walton District
Williamstown	Williams District
Wirt	Elizabeth District

Calhoun, Clay, Glenville, Harrisville, Normantown, Ravenswood, Ripley, Sistersville, Spencer and Tyler County never had other names. They were either county high schools or supported by an independent district. Likewise, Doddridge County has never had an alternate name: it was a consolidation of West Union and Carr High Schools in 1933. West Union High School is considered to be a separate high school, though newspapers would continue to refer to Doddridge County High as West Union High for years.