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### Our Ranking of the Top 8th Graders Provides A Great Head Start on the Future: Chase Adams still the best player in the class

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It's hot off the press! I'm talking about our [Ranking of the Top 175 Players Nationally in the Class of 2018 \(8th Graders\)](#) and this list is always extremely important, because it provides a great head start on the future. And, if you don't believe me, just take a look back to the same list from three years ago, which was published on April 28, 2011 and had a top 20 that included 1) 6'2 8th Grader **Malik Newman** from Jackson, MS, 2) 6'4 8th Grader **Tyler Dorsey** from Pasadena, CA, 3) 6'6 8th Grade **Mickey Mitchell** from Plano, TX, 4) 6'5 8th Grader **Kejuan Johnson** from Atlanta, GA, 5) 6'2 8th Grade **Austin Grandstaff** from Rowlett, TX, 6) 6'0 8th Grader **Allonzo Trier** from Rowlett, TX, 7) 6'3 8th Grader **Jamar Ergas** from Scarborough ON, 8) 6'9 8th Grader **Broderick Jones** from Inglewood, CA, 9) 6'9 8th Grader **Horace Spencer** from Southampton PA, 10) 6'7 8th Grader **Justin Jackson** from Toronto ON, 11) 6'3 8th Grader **Josh Jackson** from Southfield, MI, 12) 6'6 8th Grader **Danjel Purefoy** from Bibb County, AL, 13) 6'5 8th Grader **Brandon Hutton** from Chicago, IL, 14) 6'2 8th Grader **Isaiah Briscoe** from Union, NJ, 15) 6'0 8th Grader **Devonte Green** from Manhasset, NY, 16) 5'11 8th Grader **Perry Dozier** from Columbia SC, 17) 6'6 8th Grader **Jaylen Grant** from Hyattsville, MD, 18) 6'8 8th Grader **Karl Towns** from Piscataway, NJ, 19) 6'10 8th Grader **Stephen Zimmerman** from Las Vegas, NV, and 20) 6'0 8th Grader **Nassir Barrino** from Irvington, NJ. Or to put this into even better perspective, three of our top five ranked juniors nationally (**Malik Newman**, **Tyler Dorsey**, and **Stephen Zimmerman**) and eight of our top 20-ranked juniors nationally (**Malik Newman**, **Tyler Dorsey**, **Stephen Zimmerman**, **Allonzo Trier**, **Mickey Mitchell**, **Perry Dozier**, **Isaiah Briscoe**, and **Isaiah Brosco**) were ranked included on our list of the [Top 175 8th Graders](#) three years ago. And that doesn't even include 7'0 **Karl Towns** from Metuchen (St. Joseph) NJ, who reclassified back up a year and is now the #17-ranked senior nationally by the *HOOP SCOOP* and is bound for the University of Kentucky, and 6'6 Soph **Josh Jackson** from Detroit (Consortium) MI, 6'7 Soph **Justin Jackson** from Henderson (Findlay Prep) NV, and 6'3 Soph **Devonte Green** from Brookville (Long Island Lutheran) NY, all of whom have since reclassified back a year in class and are currently ranked #1, #11, and #51 nationally in the current sophomore class respectively. As for 6'8 Jr **Horace Spencer** from Henderson (Findlay Prep) NY, 6'6 Jr **Danjel Purefoy** from Centerville (Bibb County) AL, 6'9 Jr **Broderick Jones** from Lawndale (H.S.) CA, 6'0 Jr **Nassir Barrino** from Jersey City (Hudson Catholic) NJ, and 6'6 Jr **KeJuan Johnson** from Atlanta (Westlake) GA, they too all can be found on our list of the top 100 ranked juniors

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Adams (wesuake) GA, they too all can be found on our list of the top 100 ranked juniors nationally at #27, #36, #60, #74, and #78 respectively.

We also did pretty darn well when we look back at where he had a lot of today's top seniors ranked four years ago back when they were in 8th Grade, as we find that 6'0 8th Grader **Joel Berry** from Casselberry, FL was ranked #1, 6'6 8th Grader **Craig Victor** from New Orleans, LA was ranked #3 5'9 8th Grader **James Blackmon** from Ft. Wayne, IN was ranked #5, 6'4 8th Grader **Trevon Bluiett** from Indianapolis, IN was ranked #7, 5'7 8th Grader **Parker Cartwright** from Van Nuys, CA was ranked #9, 6'3 8th Grader **Theo Pinson** from Greensboro, NC was ranked #12, 6'0 8th Grader **Isaiah Whitehead** from Brooklyn, NY was ranked #14, 6'4 8th Grader **Trey Lyles** from Indianapolis, IN was ranked #24, 5'6 8th Grader **Quentin Snider** from Louisville, KY was ranked #25, 6'6 8th Grader **Jahlil Okafor** from Chicago, IL was ranked #26, 6'5 8th Grader **Jalen Lindsey** from Nashville, TN was ranked #27, 6'5 8th Grader **LeRon Black** from Memphis, TN was ranked #35, 6'0 8th Grader **Romelo Trimble** from Upper Marlboro, MD was ranked #38, 5'0 8th Grader **Tyler Ullis** from Lima, OH was ranked #41, and 5'10 8th Grader **Tyus Jones** from Minneapolis, MN was ranked #42, 6'2 8th Grader **Karl Towns** from Piscataway, NJ ranked #48, and 6'3 8th Grader **Justise Winslow** was ranked #53 when he published our [Ranking of the Top 150 8th Graders](#) back on October 9, 2009. In other words, all 17 of the above mentioned players are ranked among our top 53 seniors nationally today, plus we also had 6'6 8th Grader **Andrew Wiggins** from Creedmoor, NC, who was the consensus #1-ranked player a year ago ranked #6 in that class. However just as important, is another interesting parallel, which includes 5'8 **Tyler Ullis** from Chicago Heights (Marian Township) IL, who is currently ranked #10 nationally in the senior class by the *HOOP SCOOP*, and 5'1 8th Grader **Chase Adams** from Chicago, IL, who is ranked #1 nationally in the Class of 2018 by the *HOOP SCOOP*. The popular consensus among those in the basketball know in the Windy City is that Adams will end up being even better than Ullis, who is destined for stardom at the University of Kentucky and promises to be one of college basketball's most charismatic players for the next four years. I've seen Adams ranked as low as #19, #35 #58, and #65 nationally in his class by others who do middle school rankings. But I will stand by Adams being ranked #1 in the class, because his basketball IQ is off the chart and his ball handling and passing skills, court vision, and unselfish is unprecedented for somebody so young. On the other hand, we have three 6'8 guys ranked #2, #3, and #4 in the class and we have to give our good friend **Spencer Pulliam**, who publishes [DunkDog.com](#) and is one of my best sources of information when it comes to middle school rankings, credit for an assist on 6'8 8th Grader **Jordan Brown** from Roseville, CA, who checks in at #3 on this list, behind 6'8 8th Grader **Marvin Bagley** from Phoenix, AZ and ahead of 6'8 8th Grader **Effrem "E.J." Montgomery** from Ft. Pierce, FL. Not only have I never seen him play, but Brown has not been out a lot on the national circuit and, as a result, is still somewhat under the radar screen when most people start talking about the top players nationally in this class.

Rank	Player	Height	Class	Position	Hometown, State	College
1.	Chase Adams	5'1	2018	PG	Chicago, IL	
2.	Marvin Bagley	6'8	2018	C	Phoenix, AZ	
3.	Jordan Brown	6'8	2018	PF	Roseville, CA	
4.	Effrem "E.J." Montgomery	6'8	2018	WF	Ft. Pierce, FL	
5.	Spencer Freedman	5'10	2018	PG	Pacific Palisades, CA	
6.	Jamari Smith	6'4	2018	PF	Atlanta, GA	
7.	Shakur Daniel	6'4	2018	2G	Ajax, ON	
8.	James Slater	6'2	2018	2G	Fairfax, VA	
9.	Nazerem Reid	6'6	2018	C	Asbury Park, NJ	
10.	LaDarius Marshall	6'5	2018	C	Jackson, MS	

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## Upcoming Schedule

**Penny Hardaway HoopFest** in Newbern, TN, January 24th-25th

11.	DeShang "D.J." Weaver	6'7	2018	PF	Houston, TX
12.	Michael Barber	6'7	2018	PF	Jackson, MS
13.	Marquis Brown	6.0	2018	2G	Chicago, IL
14.	Damon Harge	5'9	2018	PG	Orlando, FL
15.	Zion Young	5'10	2018	2G	Merrillville, IN
16.	J'raan Brooks	6'5	2018	C	San Diego, CA
17.	Will Dillard	6'3	2018	2G	Greensboro, NC
18.	Darius Garland	5'8	2018	2G	Merrillville, IN
19.	Riley Battin	6'4	2018	C	Westlake Village, CA
20.	Amari Sherrod	6'3	2018	PF	Gary, IN
21.	Alex Jones	5'11	2018	PG	Alpharetta, GA
22.	Camron Johnson	6'0	2018	2G	Nashville, TN
23.	Taelyr Gatlin	6'1	2018	PG	Memphis, TN
24.	Connor Vanover	6'11	2018	C	Little Rock, AR
25.	Jonathan Kabongo	5'6	2018	2G	Toronto, ON
26.	Michael Feinberg	6'2	2018	2G	Hidden Hills, CA
27.	Atiba Taylor	6'1	2018	2G	Spring Valley, NY
28.	Greg Williams	6'3	2018	WF	Lafayette, LA
29.	Jahvon Quinerly	5'11	2018	2G	Englewood, NJ
30.	Cedric Washington	6'3	2018	WF	Katy, TX
31.	Jordan Simmons	5'6	2018	PG	Bethesda, MD
32.	Cameron Reddish	6'3	2018	2G	Haverford, PA
33.	Nick Bonitto	6'3	2018	WF	Miramir, FL
34.	Eden Holt	5'1	2018	PG	Sugar Land, TX
35.	Courtney Ramey	5'10	2018	2G	St. Louis, MO
36.	Gavin Schoenwald	6'4	2018	WF	Brentwood, TN
37.	Cassius Staley	6'3	2018	2G	Encino, CA
38.	J.J. Reed	6'1	2018	WF	Paducah, KY
39.	Michael Speight	6'3	2018	PF	Washington, DC
40.	Qon Muprhy	6'2	2018	WF	Huntersville, NC
41.	Reginald Chaney	6'5	2018	PF	Plano, TX
42.	Kevin Easley	6'5	2018	WF	Indianapolis, IN
43.	Jordan Morris	6'5	2018	PF	Chicago, IL
44.	Cameron Woodall	6'6	2018	WF	Raymond, MS
45.	Justin Winston	6'3	2018	WF	West Orange, NJ
46.	Myles Dread	6'4	2018	WF	Ellicott City, MD
47.	Elijah Hardy	5'9	2018	PG	Oakland, CA
48.	Jordan McaAllister	6'2	2018	WF	Bronx, NY

49.	Zach Thomas	5'10	2018	PG	Duncanville, TX
50.	Javonte Smart	6'1	2018	2G	Baton Rouge, LA
51.	Xavier Castaneda	5'8	2018	PG	Chicago, IL
52.	Deavion Washington	6'0	2018	2G	Terre Haute, IN
53.	Ethan Henderson	6'5	2018	C	Little Rock, AR
54.	Roderick Smith	6'6	2018	C	Crystal Springs, MS
55.	Donovann Toatley	5'6	2018	PG	Washington, DC
56.	Devon Dotson	5'9	2018	PG	Matthews, NC
57.	Gavin Lewis	6'4	2018	C	Madison, AL
58.	Jalen Preston	6'2	2018	WF	Pearland, TX
59.	James Lewis	6'1	2018	2G	Atlanta, GA
60.	Devandre Edmonds	6'3	2018	WF	Worcester, MA
61.	Zach Scott	5'10	2018	2G	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
62.	D'Marco Baucum	6'4	2018	PF	Landover, MD
63.	Luther Muhammad	6'2	2018	2G	Trinton Falls, NJ
64.	Kareem Thompson	5'6	2018	PG	Forest Park, NY
65.	Jamal Hartwell	5'10	2018	PG	Inglewood, CA
66.	Smi Shutti	6'4	2018	WF	Toronto, ON
67.	K.J. Henry	6'4	Class	PF	Winston-Salem, NC
68.	Ahmad Price	6'1	2018	2G	Louisville, KY
69.	Prentice Hubb	5'7	2018	PG	Washington, DC
70.	Stephon Wynn	6'2	2018	PF	Anderson, SC
71.	Jamal Bieniemy	5'10	2018	2G	Katy, TX
72.	Justin Boyd	6'2	2018	2G	Chicago, IL
73.	Andrew Tuazama	6'5	Class	PF	Raleigh, NC
74.	Moses Brown	6'7	2018	C	Brooklyn, NY
75.	Bol Bol	6'6	2018	C	Kansas City, MO
76.	Jamal Whittlesey	6'4	2018	PF	Wilmington, DE
77.	Keith "K.J." Coleman	6'0	2018	PG	Indianapolis, IN
78.	Iman Fazande	5'10	2018	PG	Waggaman, LA
79.	Anthony "A.J." Johnson	5'11	2018	2G	Pittsburgh, PA
80.	D.J. Brittian	5'11	2018	2G	Atlanta, GA
81.	Noah Thomas	6'1	2018	2G	Cypress, TX
82.	Jared Bynum	5'8	2018	PG	Washington, DC
83.	Joseph Jones	6'7	2018	C	Buffalo, NY
84.	Marcus Little	6'7	2018	PF	Philadelphia, PA
85.	Anthony Wales	5'9	2018	PG	Louisville, KY

86.	Carlos Sandifer	5'10	2018	PG	Memphis, TN
87.	Paul Durkee	6'1	2018	WF	Shrewsbury, MA
88.	Jordan McCabe	5'9	2018	PG	Kaukauna, WI
89.	Ernest Williams	6'8	2018	C	Middletown, OH
90.	Antwan January	6'7	2018	C	Inglewood, CA
91.	Antoine Davis	5'11	2018	2G	Houston, TX
92.	Armoni Sexton	6'5	2018	PF	Paterson, NJ
93.	Jalen Redmond	6'2	2018	PF	Oklahoma City, OK
94.	Shariff Kenny	6'3	2018	WF	Washington, DC
95.	Curtis Aiken Jr	5'8	2018	2G	Pittsburgh, PA
96.	Daniel Carey	6'2	2018	PF	Crown Point, IN
97.	Terrence Watson	6'2	2018	PF	Florissant, MO
98.	Josh Searcy	6'3	2018	2G	Forest City, NC
99.	Braxton Holland	5'6	2018	PG	Decatur, AL
100.	Brandon Thomas	6'3	2018	2G	McDonough, GA
101.	Russell Barlow	6'7	2018	C	Plano, TX
102.	Zach Willis	6'5	2018	2G	Madison, MS
103.	Kevin Tilghman	5'6	2018	2G	Philadelphia, PA
104.	Antwan Cushingberry	5'6	2018	PG	Indianapolis, IN
105.	Nayshon Kane	5'11	2018	2G	Queens, NY
106.	Jason Taylor	6'10	2018	C	Rock Valley, IA
107.	Coulter Dotson	6'5	2018	PF	White Bluff, TN
108.	El Khana Hidalgo	5'9	2018	PG	Pennsauken, NJ
109.	Pierre Cockrell	5'2	2018	PG	University Place, WA
110.	Messiah Jones	6'4	2018	C	Aurora, IL
111.	Kavaudrick Worthy	6'0	2018	2G	Charlotte, NC
112.	Javonie Beckham	6'5	2018	C	New Hope, MN
113.	Fred Thatch	5'11	2018	2G	Skeston, MO
114.	Ahmin Williams	6'0	2018	PG	Philadelphia, PA
115.	Ahmad Williams	6'1	2018	2G	Philadelphia, PA
116.	T.J. Moss	6'2	2018	2G	Memphis, TN
117.	Louis King	6'4	2018	PF	Mt Holly, NJ
118.	Derrick McDonald	6'2	2018	WF	Sugar Land, TX
119.	Markquis Nowell	5'5	2018	2G	New York, NY
120.	Willie Hill	6'2	2018	2G	Louisville, KY
121.	Chance Coyle	6'2	2018	WF	Bloomington, IN
122.	Damien Dear	6'1	2018	PG	Jackson, MS

123.	Foster Bridges	6'4	2018	C	Inman, SC
124.	Jonaru Brown	6'1	2018	2G	Raleigh, NC
125.	Tyson Eitenne	5'10	2018	2G	Paterson, NJ
126.	Tony Johnson	6'0	2018	2G	Eufaula, AL
127.	Walter Talley	6'5	2018	PF	Brooklyn, NY
128.	Coryon Rice	5'10	2018	2G	Bedford, OH
129.	Chris Walker	5'11	2018	2G	Cypress, TX
130.	Maka Ellis	6'3	2018	2G	Las Vegas, NV
131.	Taylor Brown	6'0	2018	2G	Memphis, TN
132.	Joseph Wieskamp	6'0	2018	2G	Muscantine, LA
133.	Charles Brown	6'2	2018	WF	Bronx, NY
134.	Bayley Rice	6'8	2018	C	Corbin, KY
135.	Eric Mobley	6'3	2018	PF	Murrieta, CA
136.	L'Christian Smith	6'3	2018	WF	Huber Heights, OH
137.	Shandon Brown	5'8	2018	PG	Brockton, MA
138.	Ta'Juan Grier	6'3	2018	WF	Orange, NY
139.	John Newman	6'4	2018	PF	Greensboro, NC
140.	Kobe Staunton	5'7	2018	PG	Louisville, KY
141.	Corderius Hastings	5'10	2018	2G	Atlanta, GA
142.	Jamil Goliday	5'7	2018	2G	Reynoldsburg, OH
143.	Isiah Mucius	6'3	2018	WF	East Patchogue, NY
144.	Brayden Gault	6'3	2018	WF	Haymarket, VA
145.	Nicholas Honor	5'9	2018	PG	Orlando, FL
146.	Quam Dosunmu	5'7	2018	2G	Chicago, IL
147.	Scooter Smith	6'3	2018	WF	Cerritos, CA
148.	Tamarrio Ransburgh	5'9	2018	PG	Jackson, MS
149.	Dallas Watson	5'10	2018	2G	New York, NY
150.	Kadon Lewis	5'9	2018	2G	Farmers Branch, TX
151.	D.J. Sims	5'9	2018	PG	Lawton, OK
152.	Thomas Hoskins	6'3	2018	WF	Dover, DE
153.	Brandon Hurt	5'4	2018	PG	Richton, IL
154.	Daniel Klosk	5'10	2018	2G	New York, NY
155.	Arshon King	6'4	2018	PF	Fayetteville, NC
156.	Kharon Randolph	5'10	2018	PG	Philadelphia, PA
157.	Wes Slatjert	6'3	2018	2G	Westlake, CA
158.	Diante Wood	6'0	2018	2G	McClellan, AL
159.	Bryon Etienne	5'10	2018	PG	Houston, TX

160.	Nyshon Hamlet	6'3	2018	WF	Brooklyn, NY
161.	Demontay Dixon	6'7	2018	PF	Nashville, TN
162.	Jerry Higgins	5'8	2018	PG	Wickliffe, OH
163.	Terrence Trice	5'9	2018	PG	New York, NY
164.	Chris Arcidiacono	5'9	2018	PG	Langhorne, PA
165.	Torey Zanders	6'3	2018	WF	Loganville, GA
166.	Tripp Green	5'11	2018	PG	Winston-Salem, NC
167.	Jalen Carey	6'2	2018	WF	Bronx, NY
168.	Andrew Taylor	6'1	2018	2G	Corbin, KY
169.	Joseph Bush	6'3	2018	PF	Menifee, CA
170.	James McKyan	5'1	2018	PG	Spring Hill, TN
171.	Michael Kimble	5'8	2018	PG	New York, NY
172.	Antonio Burks	5'10	2018	PG	Belleville, IL
173.	Jordan Coovert	6'1	2018	PF	Springboro, OH
174.	Sean Good	6'6	2018	C	Harrisburg, PA
175.	Tyriek Chambers	6'2	2018	2G	Brooklyn, NY

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