### US News Ranking Indicators
**August 2004**

**Peer Assessment** 25%
- A peer assessment survey is given to presidents, provosts, and deans of admission, and they are asked to rate peer schools’ academic programs on a scale from 1 to 5 (5 is the highest). Sixty percent of the 4,095 people who were sent questionnaires responded for this year’s survey.

**Retention** 20%
- 80% six-year graduation rate
- 20% freshman retention rate

**Faculty Resources** 20%
- 30% proportion of classes with fewer than 20 students
- 10% proportion of classes with 50 or more students
- 35% faculty compensation over two academic years
- 15% proportion of professors with highest earned degree in their field
- 5% student to faculty ratio
- 5% proportion of faculty who are full-time

**Student Selectivity** 15%
- 50% enrollees SAT or ACT test scores
- 40% proportion of freshmen who graduated in top 10 percent of their class
- 10% acceptance rate

**Financial Resources** 10%
- US News measures the average spending per student on instruction, research, student services, and related educational expenditures over two fiscal years

**Graduation Rate Performance** 5%
- US News measures the difference between the actual six-year graduation rate and the predicted rate for the given class

**Alumni Giving Rate** 5%
- Average parentage of alumni who gave to their school over two fiscal years