


OSSM Awesome Facts

- The 18th graduating class of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics held commencement exercises May 30, 2009, on the steps of the Oklahoma State Capitol. A total of 1,084 students have now graduated from OSSM.
- The late Dr. Julian Stanley of Johns Hopkins University, a nationally known expert on gifted education, called the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, "the most rigorous academic program of its kind in the nation."
- OSSM has produced 290 National Merit Finalists.
- National Merit Commended Scholars who have graduated from OSSM number 160.
- Four graduates have been named National Presidential Scholars. OSSM has had 10 semifinalists and 105 nominees for the Presidential Scholars Program.
- To date, 214 OSSM students have received Robert C. Byrd Scholarships through the federally funded program which recognizes exceptionally able high school seniors who show promise of continued academic excellence and achievement.
- The Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence has named 83 OSSM students Academic All-State Scholars in the 17 years the school has had students in contention.
- Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Scholarships have been offered to 506 OSSM seniors.
- The Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation has offered Sir Alexander Fleming Scholarships to 24 OSSM students.
- The school has had 14 finalists and one College Board National Achievement Scholar.
- In the National Competition of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science (TEAM+S), sponsored each year by the Junior Engineering Technical Society, OSSM teams have placed first regionally for 10 consecutive years. The 2009 varsity team placed first in state. In 1995, 1999, and 2004, senior OSSM teams placed first at the national level and the 2009 team placed second. In 1997, 1998, and 2001, both the senior and junior teams placed first nationally. The 2005 through 2009 junior varsity teams were first in the nation and the 2008 and 2009 teams also placed first in state.
- Eight OSSM students have been named National Hispanic Scholars.
- OSSM has graduated 15 students with appointments to the United States Naval Academy, 14 to the United States Air Force Academy and two to the United States Military Academy at West Point.
- Two students in the Class of 2000, two in the Class of 2001, and three in the Class of 2002, were selected for the U.S. Chemistry Olympiad Team. In 2000, one went on to compete internationally for the United States and won a bronze medal; in 2001, a silver. Two 2002 graduates competed internationally to secure a gold medal and a bronze medal for the United States.
- One student competed on the 1993 United States Physics Olympiad Team and on the 1993 United States Computer Science Olympiad Team. A 1996 graduate won a bronze medal in the International Computer Science Olympiad.
- A student from the Class of 1995 was a Gold Medal Winner in the XXVI International Physics Olympiad. This student placed second in the world in the international competition. In 2006 one junior and one senior were named to the U.S. Physics team - the senior went on to compete internationally and won a gold medal. A 2007 senior competed internationally for the United States. In 2008, two students were finalists in the competition.
- The 1,084 students to graduate from OSSM in 18 years have received scholarship offers in excess of \$85 million.
- More than 14,000 Oklahoma teachers have taken advantage of workshops and seminars provided by the OSSM faculty. More than 2,000 middle school students have participated in OSSM sponsored mathematics competitions.
- In 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009, *NEWSWEEK* Magazine named OSSM one of America's "Top Public Schools."
- Each year, at least one-third of OSSM seniors participate in mentorships in which they do concentrated research or project development under the direction of professionals in the scientific community. In 2009, a record number of students completed mentorships.
- There have been 20 recipients of a State Superintendent Award for Arts Excellence.
- Approximately 50 percent of graduating seniors attend colleges and universities in Oklahoma.
- Over half of the OSSM enrollment is from communities with populations of fewer than 10,000. Students from all of Oklahoma's 77 counties have been selected to attend OSSM.

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The figures in this document reflect achievements of students who have graduated in the classes of 1992-2009.

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