



## OKLAHOMA SCHOOL of SCIENCE and MATHEMATICS

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### **Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics Named 2021 Best Public and STEM High School in Oklahoma for Second Year in a Row**

*School Ranked 24<sup>th</sup> of more than 19,000 Nationally,  
Placing it in Top 1 Percent in the United States*

OKLAHOMA CITY – Oct. 21, 2020 – The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics (OSSM) announced today it was named Best Public High School as well as the Best High School for STEM in Oklahoma by Niche.com, a leading school ranking organization headquartered in Pittsburgh. Ranking factors include state test scores, college readiness, graduation rates, SAT/ACT scores, teacher quality, and high school ratings from students and parents.

Nationwide, OSSM is ranked 24 of 19,532 public high schools, placing it in the top 1 percent of high schools in the United States. The next highest-ranking public high school in Oklahoma on the list is Jenks High School at 887.

"According to the late Julian Stanley, founder of Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth and a pioneer in the study of academically gifted children, OSSM has the 'most rigorous academic program' of its kind in the nation," said OSSM President Frank, Wang, Ph.D. "Many of our graduates teach and conduct research at the world's leading research institutions and have founded successful companies. Our students even make major scientific discoveries while at OSSM. George Wang, OSSM Class of 2018,

made a startling discovery that it is possible for carbon to form up to seven bonds. Previously, German scientists showed that carbon can form up to six bonds. George did them one better.

### **About Niche.com**

Based in Pittsburgh, Pa., Niche's team of data scientists evaluates countless data sets to produce rankings, report cards and in-depth profiles. The large data sets come from the Department of Education, U.S. Census, and the FBI. It combines this analysis with feedback from the community. For more information, visit its website at [www.niche.com/k12/rankings/methodology](http://www.niche.com/k12/rankings/methodology).

### **About OSSM**

Nationally ranked as a top public high school in the United States, OSSM provides a college-level, academically advanced curriculum in science and mathematics to juniors and seniors across the state. Created through legislative action in 1983, first as a two-year residential public high school located in Oklahoma City, it also serves students through six satellite locations plus a virtual program. The School also hosts statewide math contests and day workshops for middle school students, teacher professional development, residential summer academies, and outreach activities for students of varying ages.

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