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Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics Ranks No. 24 on Newsweek's Top 100 Public High Schools in America List

*OSSM is Only School in Oklahoma on Newsweek's Top 100,
Placing in Top 0.123% of Schools Nationwide*

OKLAHOMA CITY – Feb. 2, 2021 – The Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics (OSSM) announced today it is ranked No. 24 on Newsweek's List of Top 100 Best Public High Schools. OSSM is the only school in Oklahoma to be named on this year's list. Rankings are based on Niche's 2021 list of the best public high schools, which was updated in January 2021. Niche is a leading school ranking organization headquartered in Pittsburgh.

With nearly 20,000 public high schools in the United States, this ranking places OSSM is the top 0.123% of schools in the nation. The next highest-ranking public high school in Oklahoma on Niche's list is Jenks High School at 887.

Ranking factors include state test scores, college readiness, graduation rates, SAT/ACT scores, teacher quality, and high school ratings from students and parents. Sixty percent of the score is based on academics and grades, which is calculated using state assessment tests, SAT/ACT scores, and survey responses.

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Additionally, OSSM is cited by Niche as Best Public High School as well as the Best High School for STEM in Oklahoma.

"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. "We are proud of the work we do at OSSM to prepare our graduates to contribute to the global society. Many of our nearly 2,000 alumni teach and conduct scientific research at the world's leading institutions and serve as medical doctors and engineers here in Oklahoma. Others have founded successful companies. They and our incredibly talented faculty are what make OSSM a leading public high school in the nation."

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 in Oklahoma City, it also serves students through six satellite locations plus a virtual program. OSSM 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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