



Our schools among best in state, nation

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Fridayland schools fared well in rankings determined by *Niche*, a website that compiles data, reviews, and insights in one place to help families make school selection decisions.

The [Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics](#) was named the 2022 Best High School and Best STEM School in Oklahoma. Additionally, [OSSM](#) ranked No. 20 out of 19,984 high schools in the nation, placing [OSSM](#) in the top one-tenth of 1 percent of all public high schools in the United States.

“[OSSM](#) is said to have the most rigorous curriculum of its kind in the nation,” said Frank Wang, PhD, president of [OSSM](#). “Our students come from the entire state for our world class faculty and academic program, which prepares students for college, graduate schools and careers in STEM.

“We are proud that through their work and companies that they found, [OSSM](#) graduates help fuel Oklahoma’s economic engine.”

Harding Charter Preparatory School was named the No. 1 Charter School in Oklahoma and No. 78 in the nation. The school also ranked No. 81 in the nation out of 24,068 schools for diversity.

“Overall this is truly a college preparatory high school, and college is simpler and easier than I thought thanks to Harding's teachings,” one alumni said.

Harding Fine Arts was right behind HCP at No. 2 in the rankings of charter schools. HFAA was also No. 2 in Oklahoma for best high schools for the arts.

“This school has an amazing community and family environment within the people that attend,” an alumni said. “The staff and students are all very nice and make everything more comfortable and easy to attend the school.”

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The Deer Creek Public Schools ranked No. 7 on *Niche's* list of the Best Public High Schools.

John Rex Elementary

was No. 1 for Best Charter Elementary School and Best Charter Middle School. The school was No. 7 in the rankings of Best Public Middle School.

Based in Pittsburgh, Pa., *Niche's* team of data scientists evaluates

countless data 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. *Niche* combines this analysis with feedback from the community.