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U.S. News & World Report Ranks MSSM 38th Best High School in the Nation

LIMESTONE – *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked the Maine School of Science and Mathematics (MSSM) the 38th best high school in the nation. The ranking, which includes nearly 22,000 schools in 49 states and the District of Columbia, measures how well schools prepare students for college and how well they serve disadvantaged students. *U.S. News* also ranked MSSM the nation's 9th best magnet school (and the 2nd best in New England).

Upon learning the news, MSSM's Executive Director, Luke Shorty said, "We could not be more pleased to have the hard work and dedication of our students, faculty, and staff recognized in this way." He went on to say, "This ranking is also a powerful testament to the quality of our state's public education system." Mr. Shorty credited the school's innovative, student-centered curriculum, and strong academic support structures, with its ability to help motivated students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Opened in 1995, MSSM is a tuition-free public boarding high school that enrolls students from around the state. MSSM challenges students to achieve their aspirations by fostering intellectual growth through a rigorous curriculum in advanced mathematics, science, and humanities. The residential experience encourages personal accountability and the development of skills in relationships, healthful living, and social diversity. MSSM also offers outreach programs including summer camps for middle school students and professional development opportunities for teachers throughout the state.

U.S. News & World Report's full list of schools, rankings, and methodology can be found on their website: <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/national-rankings>.

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MSSM class with Executive Director Luke Shorty. Photo by Jessica Baker.

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