



Maine School of Science and Mathematics

2025-26 School Profile

#1 Best Public High School
#1 Best Public High School Teachers
#1 Best College Prep Public High School
#12 Best Public School Teachers (US)
Niche.com 2026 Ranking (State of Maine)

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The Maine School of Science and Mathematics (**MSSM**) was founded in 1995 by the Maine Legislature as a public, boarding, magnet high school serving talented and highly motivated students. MSSM brings together Maine's most academically motivated high school students to become innovative, well-rounded scholars with the ability to develop, investigate, and communicate critical ideas that improve the human condition and benefit the state of Maine. With 113 students in grades 9-12, MSSM stands as a beacon of academic excellence in both state and national rankings.

Academic Rigor

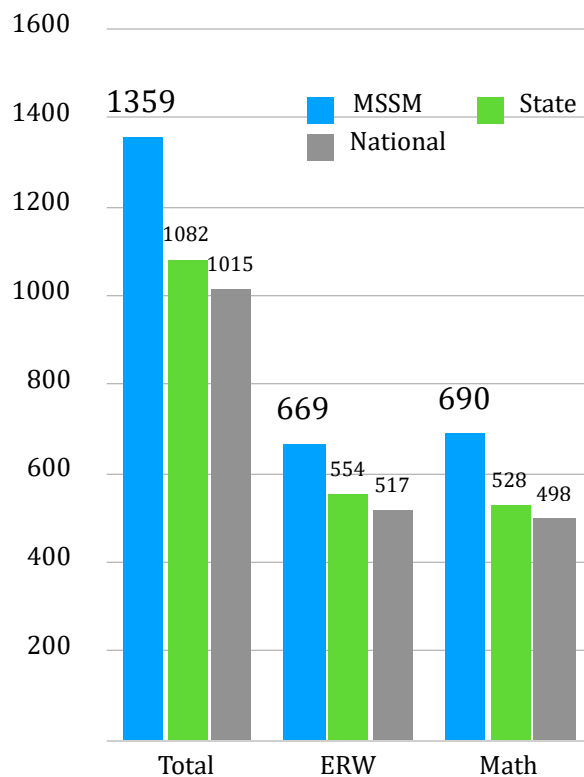
MSSM has a rigorous STEM-based curriculum of advanced science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. MSSM partners with the University of Maine at Presque Isle (UMPI) allowing students to earn college credit for a majority of MSSM courses. All MSSM courses are taught at AP or college level using college textbooks and curricular materials. Additionally, MSSM students have the opportunity to earn an UMPI Associates Degree simultaneously while attending MSSM.

MSSM Dual Enrollment Classes Include:

Algebra II/Trigonometry Applied	French I & II
Genetics & Biotechnology Art	Honors Composition
History I	Intro to Literature
Basic Design	Intro to Programming
Before Calculus BC	Linear Algebra
Biological Processes	Macroeconomics
Calculus BC	Multivariable Calculus
Creative Writing I	Sociology
Early American Literature	Spanish I & II
Early British Literature	US History
First Year Seminar	

AP courses offered: Calculus AB and BC, Statistics, Chemistry, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, and Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism

SAT Scores (Average)



A Learning Community

MSSM is in the rural town of Limestone (pop. 2,300) in northern Maine, less than two miles from the Canadian Border. Bangor (pop. 33,000), is three-hour drive from MSSM while Maine’s largest city, Portland (pop. 66,000), is a six-hour drive. As a testimony to the quality of our education and students, some colleges will make the trip to visit us in person while offering virtual opportunities.

Activities at MSSM range from Astronomy Club and Art Club to VEX Robotics and Key Club. MSSM requires two hours per week of community service from students, such as tutoring, assisting faculty, or serving as residential assistants. To nurture academic collaboration over competition, MSSM records neither GPA nor class rank. The school’s small size, residential nature, and cooperative academic environment combine to create a very tight-knit community of scholars.

MSSM offers the dedicated student-athlete an opportunity to engage in intramural club sports as well as varsity teams including soccer, cross-country, track, and volleyball.

Distinctive Features and Accolades

- Admission to MSSM is based on academic ability (measured by grades, teacher recommendations, a writing sample, and test scores) and the student’s maturity, motivation, and ability to contribute positively to our residential community.
- In 2025-2026, the student teacher ratio is 9:1.
- Our academic semesters are 4-1-4, with a January Term (“J-Term”) providing students an opportunity for intensive study in one of our unique course offerings, research opportunities, or internships.
- 92% of faculty hold advanced degrees. Many have terminal degrees, significant private sector experience, and have made substantial contributions in their fields.
- The MSSM math team consistently places first in the Maine State Math Meet (#1 in 2025) with individual students consistently in the top 5%.
- MSSM requires four years of lab-based Science, English, and Mathematics (with a minimum of Calculus), two years of world language, and 1 year of Social Science, Fine Arts, and History.
- 40% of the class of 2024 received recognition in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Matriculation: Classes of 2024 & 2025

Bates College *
Boston University *
Bowdoin College *
Brown University
Carnegie Mellon University
Colby College *
Columbia University in the City of New York
Dartmouth College *
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (FL)
Georgetown University
Maine Maritime Academy
Massachusetts Institute of Technology*
Oberlin College
Northeastern University
Pomona College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University *
Rochester Institute of Technology *
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Skidmore College
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Maine *
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
University of New England
University of New Hampshire-Main Campus
University of Toronto
University of Vermont
Washington University in St Louis
Wellesley College *
Wentworth Institute of Technology *
Worcester Polytechnic Institute *

* indicates multiple matriculations

Grade	Range	Grade	Range	Grade	Range	Grade	Range
A+	97-100	B+	87-89	C+	77-79	F	<70
A	93-96	B	83-86	C	73-76	I	Incomplete
A-	90-92	B-	80-82	C-	70-72	W	Withdrawal