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Mass Academy of Math and Science at WPI Earns a Top Spot in Newsweek's STEM High School Ranking

[Worcester, MA, November 18, 2019] – The Mass Academy of Math and Science at WPI was listed at No. 10 among the top 5,000 STEM high schools for 2019 per rankings by [Newsweek](#) and STEM.org, honoring excellence in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The top 5,000 schools were curated from STEM.org Educational Research™ (SER) using a proprietary scoring logic that took into consideration a broad set of quantitative and qualitative data inputs collected from Q2 2015–Q3 2019. The purpose was to determine which primary/secondary institutions in America best offer students' experiences in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)-as defined by the Congressional Research Service-while preparing them for post-secondary outcomes.

Michael Barney, director of the Mass Academy of Math and Science at WPI, lauded the results. "The Massachusetts Academy of Math and Science at WPI is in its 28th year of working with young people who enjoy project-based learning and applying their knowledge to real world problems," he said. "We are proud of our students who will be the leaders, scientists, entrepreneurs and educators of tomorrow and are blessed to be part of such the dynamic environment that Worcester had to offer."

Earlier this year, the Massachusetts Academy of Math & Science was named the best public high school in Massachusetts by [Niche.com](#). On Nov. 12, the school was awarded the key to the City by Worcester Mayor Joseph M. Petty for its continued academic success.

About Mass Academy

Mass Academy is a public, co-educational school of excellence that enrolls about 100 academically accelerated 11th and 12th graders. Math and science are emphasized within a comprehensive, interactive academic program. The rigor of the junior year classes exceeds high school honors and AP, emphasizing depth over breadth, engaging students in project-based learning, and more than 1,100 hours of instruction. Seniors complete a full year of college, enrolling in classes at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, thus making the Academy the only public school in Massachusetts whose students attend a private university full time as seniors in high school. The Academy is a collaborative effort among the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and the high schools of Massachusetts. www.massacademy.org

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