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**Newsweek Announces Top 5,000 STEM Schools**  
***Samohi and Malibu High School make top 20 for LA County for 2020***

Newsweek announced its ranking of the top 5,000 STEM high schools for 2020, honoring excellence in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Santa Monica High School is listed as 1,156 and Malibu High, 1,599. Samohi is ranked 16<sup>th</sup> for Los Angeles County public schools and Malibu High is ranked 19<sup>th</sup>.

Newsweek partnered with STEM.org to rank America's Best STEM High Schools. The list includes schools in every region of the country that offer skilled teachers who keep up with developments in these fields and who create dynamic learning environments to engage their students.

"Congratulations to Samohi and Malibu High School for making top 20 in LA County for STEM excellence," School Board President Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein said. "We appreciate the hard work and dedication by our district leadership team, school administration and teachers in bringing relevant STEM programming and project-based learning to our students to ensure college and career readiness upon graduation."

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. Additional factors, including affluence and median household income, were taken into consideration in compiling the rankings.

The full list of 5,000 top STEM high schools are available on [Newsweek.com](http://Newsweek.com). The announcement came on National STEM Day on November 8.

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