

## **AVON MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL**

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## U.S. News & World Report Recognizes Avon Middle School Among the 2024 Best Middle Schools

It is with great enthusiasm that I share that Avon Middle School has been ranked as one of 2024's Best Middle Schools by U.S. News & World Report. The rankings include more than 79,000 public elementary and middle schools across the country. Schools are ranked at the state and district level, with Best Charter Schools and Best Magnet Schools ranked as stand-alone categories. U.S. News & World Report also divides their rankings between middle school, grades 6-8, and high school, grades 9-12. This ranking is specific to our middle school students here at Avon Middle High School.

The <u>methodology</u> focuses on state assessments of students who were proficient or above proficient in mathematics and reading/language arts while accounting for student backgrounds, achievement in core subjects, and how well schools are educating their students. Student-teacher ratios are applied to break ties in the overall score. The 2024 Best Elementary and Best Middle Schools rankings are based on publicly available data from the U.S. Department of Education. Based on the data, Avon Middle School (Grades 7-8 for the 22-23 academic school year), ranked in the top 40% of middle schools in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

"The 2024 Best Elementary and Middle Schools rankings offer a way for parents to get a snapshot of their child's school and how well it is doing compared with other schools in their community," said LaMont Jones, managing editor for education at U.S. News. "In addition, U.S. News provides easily accessible data on student-teacher ratios, district spending, and the number of counselors a school makes available to its students."

Parents, educators and students can see how Avon Middle School compares to other institutions and how the rankings are calculated on <u>USNews.com</u>.

Congratulations to the students and teachers at AMHS, specifically last year's students in grade 7 and 8. We look forward to continuing to build on our strong momentum of supporting and enhancing student learning and preparing students for success both during and after their time at Avon Middle High School.

Sincerely,

Shawn Desmond, Principal

