


# MSMS + The W

Two exceptional pioneers in education.  
One historic campus.

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- + **Intentionally created.** The Mississippi Legislature created the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science in 1987 as a residential high school for 11th and 12th grade students located on the campus of The W for the purpose of educating “the gifted and talented students of the state.”
  - + **Size and proximity.** The size of The W and the City of Columbus have been lauded as the perfect fit for MSMS students to acclimate to living away from home and adjusting to college life.
  - + **Decades of tradition.** The W and MSMS have collaborated for decades working on many longstanding programs and events that are central to the fabric of Columbus and Lowndes County, such as Tales from the Crypt, Eight of May, MoreStory, and the Community Read.
  - + **Shared resources and cost effectiveness.** The W’s campus affords MSMS exclusive use of six facilities for housing, academics, and administration for MSMS students. All MSMS and W students share the cafeteria, library, health center, and post office. MSMS student athletes also use the same facilities used by W student athletes.
  - + **Fiscally responsible.** With adequate, reasonable funding and intentional planning, the State of Mississippi will save money by investing in the current infrastructure of MSMS on The W campus. Both institutions are positioned well for growth and have an excellent track record of producing high-quality, exceptionally educated Mississippi students.

**MSMS + The W + Columbus + Lowndes County**

Allies in creating opportunity for excellence