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### **MAHS Students Rank Above 435 Other Districts in Science PSSA**

Moon Area High School received recognition for its performance as one of the top-performing schools in the science portion of the 2009 Pennsylvania System of State Assessment (PSSA) exams.

Moon Area students scored in the top 14 percent of Pennsylvania high schools and recently the building's science department was presented with a Certificate of Achievement from the Keystone Teachers Association of Pennsylvania. The high school scores were better than 435 other districts across the commonwealth.

The 2008-09 school year was the second year for the science portion of the PSSA exams and unlike the math and reading portions of the exam, there are no benchmarks mandated by the federal education act No Child Left Behind. Instead, schools are encouraged to set their own proficiency goals. The science PSSA exam is taken by students in grades four, eight and 11.