



Esperanza High School Profile 2022-2023

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Esperanza High School is a public, four-year, comprehensive high school located in a primarily residential community in the northeast part of Orange County. Our attendance area includes some neighborhoods in the cities of Yorba Linda, Anaheim, and Placentia. The socioeconomic level is predominantly middle class with 34.5% qualifying for Free/Reduced Lunch Program. This year, we are proud to enroll 1,473 students in grades 9 through 12. The ethnic distribution of our student population is approximately 40% White, 39% Hispanic, 10% Asian, 1% African American, and 9% other or declined to state. Our 2023 graduating class is comprised of 343 students. This class holds an average weighted GPA of 3.26 with the highest weighted GPA being 4.74. We do not rank our students. Each year over 88% of Esperanza's graduates continue on to further their education at a wide variety of institutions.

CLASS OF 2022 POST SECONDARY PLANS

*Small sample size for 2021 and 2022 due to COVID-19 pandemic

- 37% entered four-year colleges
- 54% entered two-year colleges or trade schools
- 4% entered the workforce/undecided
- 5% entered the military

Esperanza High School was recognized as a California Distinguished School in 2002, and was awarded The California Gold Ribbon Award in 2015.

The 2022 US News and World Report ranked Esperanza High School 353rd in the state of California and 2,416 out of more than 24,000 schools nationally. Our robust extracurricular programs include: Academic Decathlon, Debate and Forensics, Journalism, Dance Team, Cheer, Vocal and Instrumental Music. Esperanza is home to the Medical Sciences Academy, Aztec Engineering Manufacturing Academy, and ABC Teacher Pathway. Since established in 2008, our Medical Sciences Academy students continue to compete and earn medals at the California State Leadership Conference and qualify to advance to the national level in areas such as Medical Photography, Biomedical Debate, Medical Assisting, and Medical Law and Ethics. Esperanza is one of only sixty schools in the country to receive P.R.I.M.E. (Partnership Response In Manufacturing Education) status for our Aztec Engineering Manufacturing Academy. Newer to the school is the ABC Teacher Pathway, where the capstone class provides students the opportunity to intern at a local elementary school for two hours per day.

In July 2019, Esperanza received a full SIX YEAR CLEAR accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Only 10% of California High Schools receive this level of accreditation.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students need a total of 230 credits to graduate, with credit requirements in the following areas:

- Language Arts/English – 40 credits
- History/Social Science – 30 credits
- Mathematics – 20 credits (including Algebra 1)
- Science – 20 credits
- Fine Art, World Language or Career Technical Education - 10 credits
- Physical Education or Athletics – 20 credits
- Health – 5 credits
- College & Career Readiness – 5 credits
- Electives – 80 credits

The community service requirement has been reduced to 20 hours for the Class of 2023 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

GPA/GRADING SCALE

A 4.0 grading scale is utilized. The value of each grade for computing unweighted grade point average is A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, and F=0. All Advanced Placement and Honor courses are given an extra grade point. These courses are marked with a “+” on the transcript. College preparatory classes are marked with a “p” on the transcript. For Spring 2020, Fall 2020, and Spring 2021, students could choose, by class, a traditional letter grade or Pass/Incomplete. P=grades A-D and I=grade F.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS COURSE

We encourage students to take an academically rigorous program. We offer 23 Advanced Placement and 16 Honors level courses. In 2022, students took 656 AP exams with an overall pass rate of 73%. Students who challenge themselves by taking the most rigorous courses available are recognized as Distinguished Scholars upon graduation.

Language Arts

- ❖ Language Arts 1 Honors
- ❖ Language Arts 2 Honors
- ❖ AP English Language and Composition
- ❖ AP English Literature and Composition
- ❖ AP Seminar

History/Social Science

- ❖ AP European History
- ❖ AP U.S. History
- ❖ AP U.S. Government & Politics
- ❖ AP Macroeconomics
- ❖ AP Human Geography

Mathematics

- ❖ Geometry Honors
- ❖ Algebra 2/Trig Honors
- ❖ Pre-Calculus Honors
- ❖ AP Statistics
- ❖ AP Calculus AB
- ❖ AP Calculus BC
- ❖ AP Computer Science Principles
- ❖ AP Computer Science A

Science

- ❖ Biology Honors
- ❖ AP Biology
- ❖ Chemistry Honors
- ❖ AP Chemistry
- ❖ Physics Honors
- ❖ AP Physics
- ❖ AP Environmental Science

World Languages

- ❖ French 2 Honors
- ❖ French 3 Honors
- ❖ AP French
- ❖ German 2 Honors
- ❖ German 3 Honors
- ❖ AP German
- ❖ Japanese 3 Honors
- ❖ AP Japanese
- ❖ Spanish 2 Honors
- ❖ Spanish 3 Honors
- ❖ AP Spanish

Fine Arts

- ❖ Graphic Design Honors
- ❖ Studio Art AP Drawing
- ❖ Studio Art AP 2D
- ❖ Studio Art AP 3D

COVID-19 Pandemic Update

Our students are on campus full-time for the 2022-2023 school year.

RECENT COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

American University, Boston College, Boston University, Brown, BYU, Cal Poly Pomona, Cal Poly SLO, Carnegie Mellon, Chapman, Cornell, CSU Fullerton, CSU Long Beach, Dartmouth, Duke, George Washington, Northwestern, Notre Dame, NYU, Pepperdine, San Diego State University, Stanford, The Claremont Colleges, UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara, UC Merced, UC San Diego, University of Arizona, University of Pennsylvania, University of San Diego, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, and USC.