



ESPERANZA HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2017 - 2018

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

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 predominately middle class with 23% qualifying for Free/Reduced Lunch Program. This year we are proud to enroll 1666 students in grades 9 through 12. The ethnic distribution of our student population is approximately 60% Caucasian, 26% Hispanic, 10% Asian, 2% African American, and 2% other or declined to state. The average unweighted GPA in the class of 2018 is 2.96. The highest Weighted GPA in the class is 4.68, graduating class size is 433 students. We do not rank our students. Each year over 90% of Esperanza's graduates continue on to further their education at a wide variety of institutions.

CLASS OF 2017 POST SECONDARY PLANS

- 36% entered four-year colleges
- 56% entered two-year colleges or trade schools
- 4% entered the work force
- 4% were undecided

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

Esperanza High school ranks in the top 25% of Orange County high schools. 2017 US News and World Report ranked the school 404th in the state of California. Esperanza ranks #2058 out of more than 21,000 schools nationally. Our extracurricular programs have also received recognition both locally and nationally and include; Academic Decathlon, Debate and Forensics, Journalism, Dance Team, Cheer, Vocal and Instrumental Music. Esperanza is home to the PYLUSD Medical Sciences Academy and Aztec Engineering Manufacturing Academy. Both academies offer a four-year program with an emphasis on career and college readiness. 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, Medical Law and Ethics and Public Health. Esperanza is one of only twenty six schools in the country to receive P.R.I.M.E. status for our Aztec Engineering Manufacturing Academy.

In July, 2013, 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 Arts, World Languages or Career Tech - 10 credits
- Physical Education or Athletics – 20 credits
- Health – 5 credits
- College & Career Readiness – 5 credits
- Electives – 80 credits

*In addition students must complete forty hours of community service

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.

2017-18 ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS COURSE OFFERINGS

We encourage students to take an academically rigorous program. We offer 21 Advanced Placement and 15 honors-level courses. In 2017, students took 721 AP exams with an overall pass rate of 79%. Students who challenge themselves with the most rigorous courses available to them 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

History/Social Science

- AP European History
- AP United States History
- AP US 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

Science

- Biology Honors
- AP Biology
- Chemistry Honors
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics

World Languages

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

Fine Arts

- Studio Art AP Drawing
- Studio Art AP 2D
- Studio Art AP 3D

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM RESULTS

Over 45% of the senior class took the SAT. The results are summarized below.

	R & W	Math	Total
Esperanza	578	586	1164
California	535	530	1065
Nation	538	533	1070

RECENT COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

American University, Boston College, Boston University, Brown, BYU, Carnegie Mellon, Chapman, The Claremont Colleges, CSU's, Cornell, Duke, George Washington, Northwestern, Notre Dame, NYU, Pepperdine, Stanford, UC's, University of Arizona, University of Pennsylvania, University of San Diego, USC, US Air Force Academy, US Military Academy, US Naval Academy