



Esperanza High School Profile 2019-2020

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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 28% qualifying for Free/Reduced Lunch Program. This year, we are proud to enroll 1,550 students in grades 9 through 12. The ethnic distribution of our student population is approximately 47% Caucasian, 36% Hispanic, 9% Asian, 2% African American, and 6% other or declined to state. Our 2020 graduating class is comprised of 391 students. This class holds an average unweighted GPA of 3.11 with the highest weighted GPA being 4.83. 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 2019 POST SECONDARY PLANS

- 41% entered four-year colleges
- 47% entered two-year colleges or trade schools
- 9% entered the workforce/undecided
- 3% 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.

Esperanza High School ranks in the top 25% of high schools in Orange County. The 2019 US News and World Report ranked the school 330th in the state of California and 2154th out of more than 23,000 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 forty-seven 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

*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.

CLASS OF 2019 SAT RESULTS SUMMARIZED BELOW

	CR & W	Math	Total
Esperanza	577	598	1175
California (2018)	540	536	1076
Nation (2018)	536	531	1068

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS COURSE

We encourage students to take an academically rigorous program. We offer 23 Advanced Placement and 15 Honors level courses. In 2019, students took 728 AP exams with an overall pass rate of 81.5%. 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

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
- ❖ AP Physics
- ❖ AP Environmental Science

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

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 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.