2026-2027

ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Get To Know Us



ORANGE UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT

VALUING EVERY DOLLAR.
EXCELLENCE FOR EVERY SCHOLAR.



A Message from Superintendent Rachel H. Monárrez, Ph.D.

Orange Unified School District is a community committed to Valuing Every Dollar and Excellence for Every Scholar. This brochure offers a snapshot of the progress, investments, and accomplishments happening across OUSD, guided by three priorities: Strong Classroom Instruction, focused on creating classrooms where children understand why, what and how to demonstrate their learning; Modernizing Our Schools through Learning Environments 2030, so every student learns in a high-quality facility; and Connected Leadership, so our teams work together to better support educators and students. Underpinning it all is a district culture built on belonging, innovation, teamwork, and continuous reflection.

What truly sets us apart is our people: our Trustees, employees, families, community partners, and brilliant children, whose dedication and heart make Orange Unified shine.

To the families who have already chosen Orange Unified, thank you for continuing to trust us with your most precious gems, your children. And to the families and community members considering Orange Unified, we would be honored to welcome you. Come see what makes our schools special; we think you'll feel right at home.

Together, we are building a District of Excellence and creating opportunities for every scholar to thrive.

Rachel H. Monárrez, Ph.D.
Superintendent, Orange Unified School District


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2026





BOARD *of* EDUCATION

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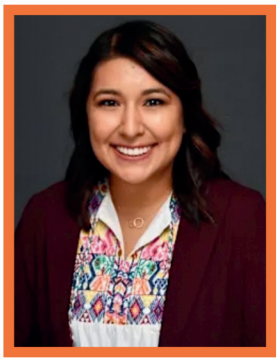
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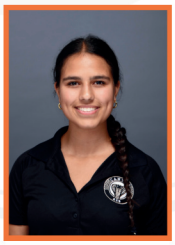
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Trustee Area 7



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2026-27 STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES



Saba **Tanara**
Canyon High School



Payden **Thibodeau**
El Modena High School



Atziry **Lopez**
Orange High School



Judith **Rincon**
Richland High School



Nicholas **Franks**
Villa Park High School

WHO WE SERVE

24,155
scholars served

4,465
employees

60+
languages spoken at home

75+
countries represented through students' family roots

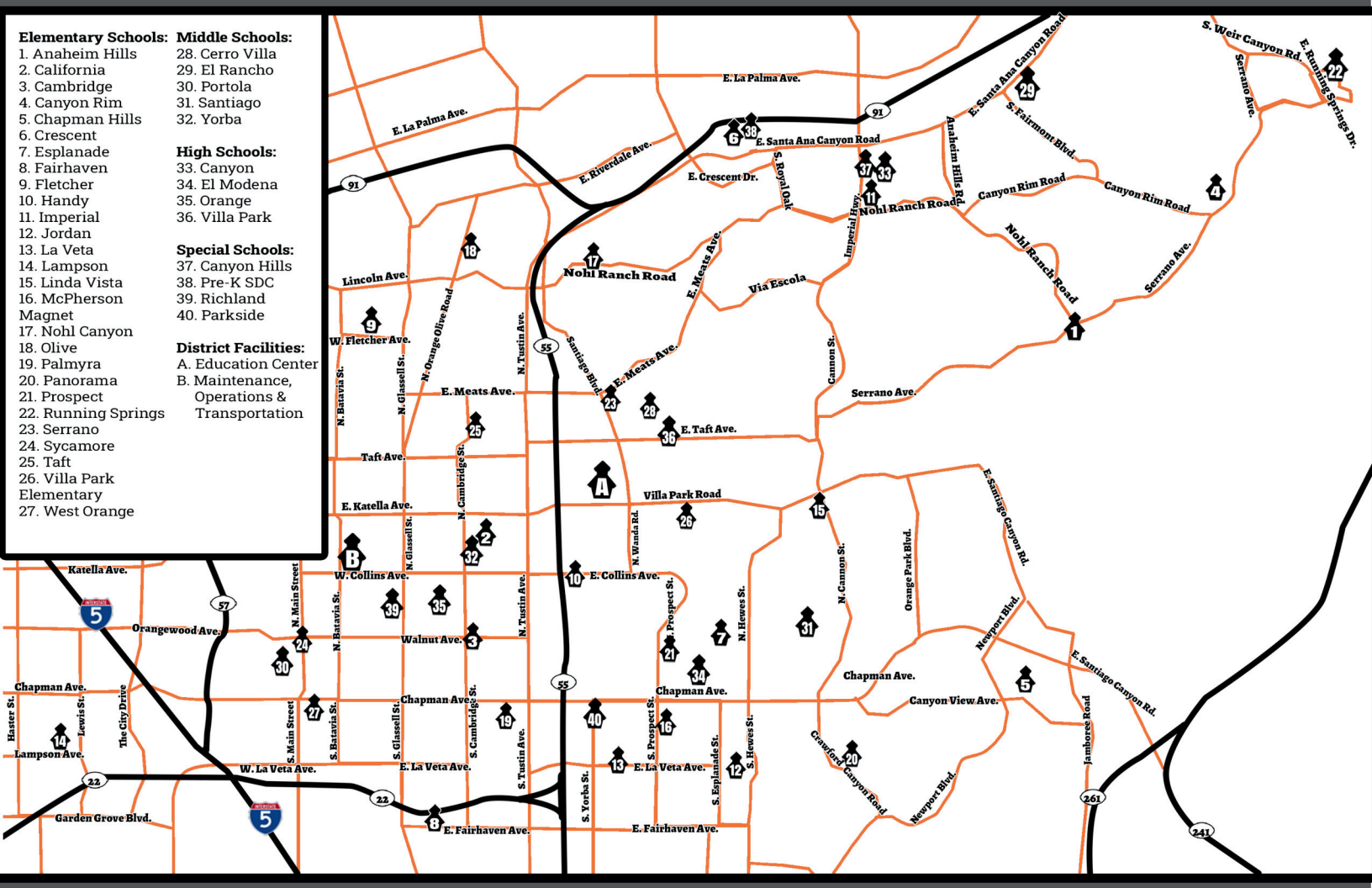
OUSD serves a diverse student population:
58.7% Hispanic, 21.4% White, 10% Asian, 2.0% Filipino, and 1% African American

42 schools and special programs serving our community:

- **26** elementary schools
  - 12 with State-funded part-day preschools on site
  - TK is offered in 55 classrooms across 26 elementary campuses, more than 1,000 students
- **1** full-day, fee-based preschool
- **1** K–8 school
- **5** middle schools, including 2 charter schools
- **4** comprehensive high schools
- **1** continuation high school
- **4** special program sites
- **1** virtual academy



OUR DISTRICT & SCHOOLS



ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Anaheim Hills Elementary
California iInspire Academy
Cambridge Elementary
Canyon Rim Elementary
Chapman Hills Elementary
Crescent Elementary
Esplanade Elementary
Fairhaven Elementary
Fletcher Mandarin Language & GATE Academy
Handy Elementary
Imperial Elementary
Jordan Academy of Language & Computer Science
La Veta Elementary
Lampson Elementary
Linda Vista Elementary
Nohl Canyon Elementary
Olive Elementary
Palmyra GATE Magnet
Panorama Elementary
Prospect Elementary
Running Springs Academy
Serrano Elementary
Sycamore Elementary
Taft Elementary
Villa Park Elementary
West Orange Elementary

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Cerro Villa Middle School
Portola Middle School
*El Rancho Charter Middle School
*Santiago Charter Middle School
Yorba Middle School

**El Rancho and Santiago are charter schools authorized by Orange Unified and governed by their own charter boards.*

HIGH SCHOOLS

Canyon High School
El Modena High School
Orange High School
Villa Park High School
Richland Continuation High School

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Canyon Hills School (Special Education)
EDGE Virtual Academy K-12
Orange Pre-K SDC
Parkside Education Center (Alternative Education)
Child Development Center

K-8

McPherson Magnet

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL DASHBOARD HIGHLIGHTS

97.2%

Graduation rate in 24-25
93.3% → 97.2% in two years
Higher than the State Average



59.3%

ELA Proficiency
Three Consecutive Years of Growth



12.2%

Chronic Absenteeism
Down from 22.5% in 21-22



45.99%

Math Proficiency
Third Consecutive Year of Growth



1.0%

Suspension Rate
Down from 2.3% in 21-22



58.8%

College & Career Readiness
48.1% → 58.8% since 22-23



DATA SOURCE: www.caschooldashboard.org/

LOCAL CONTROL ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN PRIORITIES 2024-2027

OUR GOALS

1 Academic Achievement

Help every scholar strengthen skills in reading, writing and mathematics while preparing for college, career and life after high school.

What we're doing:

- Strengthening K–8 mathematics instruction
- Expanding early literacy support
- Providing targeted academic intervention and support
- Expanding A–G, career education and dual enrollment opportunities
- Using student data to identify needs and provide support

2 Engagement & Well-Being

Help scholars attend school regularly, feel connected and supported, and have access to opportunities beyond the school day.

What we're doing:

- Strengthening attendance support
- Expanding after-school, summer and other learning opportunities outside of the school day.
- Providing social-emotional and behavioral supports
- Expanding mental health partnerships
- Increasing access to AVID, dual enrollment and career pathways

3 Safe, Supportive Schools & Stronger Family Connections

Create safe, welcoming schools where scholars and families have access to the support and information they need.

What we're doing:

- Expanding multilingual communication with families
- Implementing a streamlined communications platform districtwide for two-way communication.
- Strengthening community school partnerships
- Expanding access to counselors and support services
- Investing in technology, cybersecurity and communication tools

FACILITIES / BOND INVESTMENTS







FACILITIES UPDATES

$288 MILLION MEASURE S INVESTMENT

Locally controlled funding is improving all four comprehensive high schools through new STEM facilities, classroom and science-lab upgrades, career-training facilities, libraries, technology systems, and disaster-resiliency improvements.

INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT & ACCOUNTABILITY

A Citizens' Oversight Committee and annual audits monitor Measure S expenditures. Dedicated funds for ongoing facility maintenance protect the District's long-term investment.

STRONG FINANCIAL RATINGS

Fitch Ratings awarded OUSD an **AA+ rating** for overall financial management and a **AAA rating,** the highest possible rating, for its school construction bonds. Both carry a stable outlook.

$438 MILLION GENERAL FUND

Approved by OCDE for 2026/2027, meeting all statutory requirements.

$32 MILLION DIRECTED TO SCHOOL SITES

LCFF supplemental and concentration allocations increased from approximately $4.9 million to $32 million, moving more spending decisions closer to principals and educators.

$114.7M INVESTED IN LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Includes capital improvements at every campus, deferred maintenance and an Enrollment Decline Stabilization Reserve.


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ADMINISTRATION
STUDENT SERVICES




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PROGRAMS ACROSS SITES

DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAMS

Mandarin

- Fletcher Mandarin Language & GATE Academy → Cerro Villa Middle School → Villa Park High School



Spanish

- Jordan Academy of Language & Computer Science
- California iInspire Academy → Yorba Middle School → Orange High School

CAREER CONNECTED ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



A Career Connected School helps students discover who they are, what they're good at, and what they love to do. Through a simple interest tool called RIASEC, students at Canyon Rim, La Veta, and Taft Elementary Schools learn whether they're doers, thinkers, creators, helpers, persuaders, or organizers, and explore careers that match their strengths. It's an exciting first step toward imagining their future.

25 CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) PATHWAYS

Career Technical Education (CTE) is offered at both the middle and high school levels, providing students with hands-on, career-connected learning that prepares them for college and future careers. All OUSD CTE courses are A–G approved, and students may also earn college credit through articulated and dual enrollment courses.

CANYON HIGH SCHOOL

- Aviation
- Animation
- Business Management
- Computer Science
- Dance
- Digital Photography
- Education
- Project Lead the Way Engineering
- Fire Service (Off-site)
- Graphic Design
- Legal
- Marketing (In-Person & Online)
- Medical Academy
  - Patient Care
  - Sports Medicine
- Public Safety
- Video Production

EL MODENA HIGH SCHOOL

- Animation
- Business Management
- Computer Science
- Construction
- Culinary Arts
- Cybersecurity
- Dance
- Digital Photography
- Digital Marketing Collaborative
- Education
- Fire Service (Off-site)
- Project Lead the Way Engineering
- Esports
- Graphic Design
- Legal
- Marketing (In-Person & Online)
- Patient Care
- Public Safety
- Sports Medicine
- Video Production

ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

- Animal Science
- Automotive Systems
- Business Management
- Dance
- Digital Photography
- Education
- Fire Service (Off-site)
- Graphic Design
- Marketing (In-Person & Online)
- Patient Care
- Sports Medicine
- Public Safety
- Video Game Design
- Video Production

VILLA PARK HIGH SCHOOL

- Business Management
- Computer Science (Project Lead The Way)
- Dance
- Digital Audio
- Digital Photography
- Education
- Esports
- Fire Service (Off-site)
- Graphic Design
- Marketing (Online)
- Patient Care
- Public Safety
- Robotics
- Sports Medicine
- Sustainable Water Tech & Systems (Anticipated 2027-28)
- Video Production

RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

- Business Management
- Digital Photography
- Fire Service (Off-site)
- Marketing (Online)
- Public Safety
- Video Game Design
- Video Production

EDGE VIRTUAL ACADEMY

- Business Management
- Computer Science
- Fire Service (Off-site)
- Marketing (Online)

MCPHERSON K-8

- Computer Science (Project Lead the Way)
- Engineering (Project Lead the Way)

CERRO VILLA MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Career Exploration
- Arts, Media & Entertainment
- Health Science & Medical Academy

PORTOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Career Exploration
- Business Academy

YORBA MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Career Exploration
- Dance
- Graphic Design
- Arts, Media & Entertainment

More information: **orangeusd.org/CTE**

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS (VAPA)

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- **Grades TK-3**
  - Art
- **Grades 4th - 6th**
  - Band
  - Orchestra
  - Theatre
  - Visual Art
  - Vocal Music

**Programs vary by school site*

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Visual Art
- Instrumental Music
- Theatre
- Dance
- Graphic Design
- Wood Shop

HIGH SCHOOL

- Vocal Music
- Instrumental Music
- Theatre
- Visual Art
- Interior Design
- Ceramics

ATHLETICS

HIGH SCHOOL

FALL

- Cross Country
- Football
- Girl's Flag Football
- Girl's Golf
- Girl's Tennis
- Traditional Competitive Cheer
- Boy's Water Polo
- Girl's Volleyball

WINTER

- Basketball
- Soccer
- Traditional Competitive Cheer
- Girl's Water Polo
- Wrestling

SPRING

- Baseball
- Beach Volleyball
- Competitive Sport Cheer
- Lacrosse
- Softball
- Swimming
- Boy's Tennis
- Track & Field

MIDDLE SCHOOL

FALL

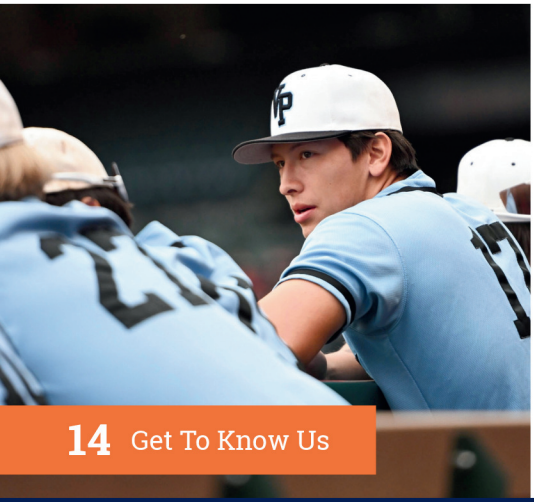
- Soccer

WINTER

- Flag Football
- Volleyball

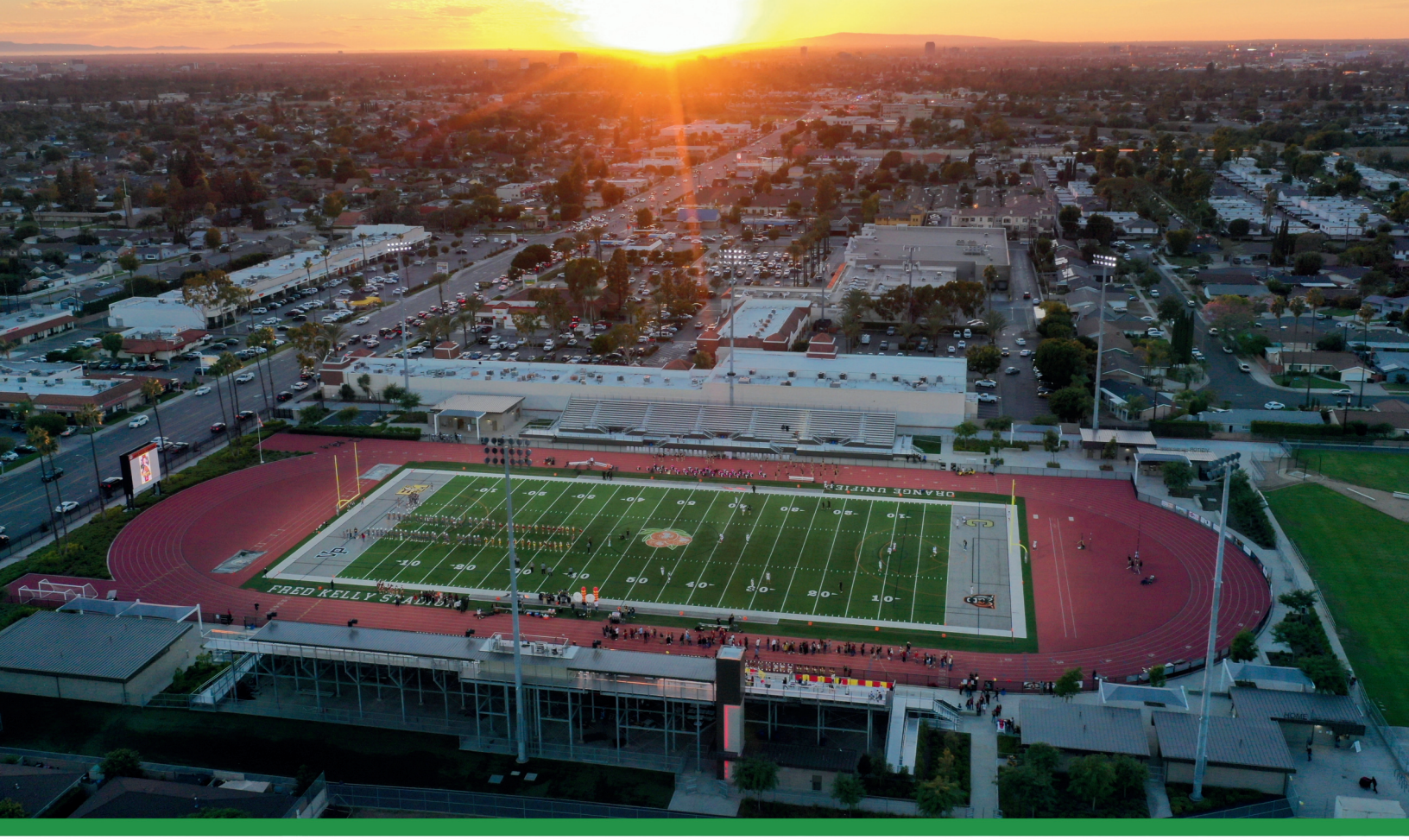
SPRING

- Basketball









FRED KELLY STADIUM

Fred Kelly Stadium is an Orange Unified School District-managed facility and community amenity, located on the El Modena High School campus. It's where our community comes together to cheer on Canyon, El Modena, Orange, and Villa Park High School football, along with track and field, soccer, and lacrosse. Each year, the stadium also comes alive with the Carnival of Champions, the District's elementary track and field festival, where about 450 young athletes from across Orange Unified gather for a joyful day of friendly competition.

Reopened in 2021 after a full renovation, the stadium welcomes more than 5,000 fans and features a synthetic field, a CIF-standard track, a video scoreboard, and full ADA accessibility. It proudly bears the name of Fred Kelly, an Orange High School graduate who won Olympic gold in the 110-meter hurdles in 1912.

Learn more at **orangeusd.org/athletics**





RECOGNITIONS

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

- 3 National Blue Ribbon Schools
- 2 Verizon Innovation Learning Schools
- 2 International Baccalaureate World Schools
- 4 National Schools to Watch
- 2 National PTA Schools of Excellence
- 1 Apple Distinguished School



CALIFORNIA RECOGNITION



- 18 California Distinguished School sites
- 11 Title I Academic Achievement Award sites
- 7 California Pivotal Practice Award sites
- 4 California Civic Learning & Merit Award sites
- 9 California School Board Association (CSBA) Golden Bell Awards
- 2026 California Model School by School Attendance Review Board (SARB), 1 of 13 districts recognized statewide

ACADEMIC & PROGRAM RECOGNITION

- 3 Project Lead the Way Distinguished Schools
- AVID National Demonstration High School and Elementary Showcase School
- U.S. News & World Report Best Schools at the High, Middle, and Elementary Levels
- Advisory Commission on Special Education (ACSE) Award for Special Education
- 3 UC Davis Center for Integrated Computing and STEM Education (C-STEM) Distinguished Schools
- 2 Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP®) schools, the highest national honor for school counseling programs

ENROLLMENT

New to OUSD?

Enrollment is available for Preschool through Grade 12. Families should first use the OUSD School Locator to identify their school of residence, then complete the online enrollment process and provide required documents. For information, visit **bit.ly/OUSDNewEnrollment.**

Already enrolled in OUSD?

Returning families complete annual Data Confirmation through the Parent Portal. This updates family and emergency contact information and completes required annual forms. To update family contacts and other crucial information, please visit **orangeunified.org/aeries**.

Considering a school change with OUSD?

Open Enrollment allows eligible students to request a school other than their school of residence. Placement is based on available space, and some schools or programs may have additional requirements or a lottery. For information, visit **orangeusd.org/open-enrollment**.

Moving into OUSD from another district?

Families living outside the OUSD boundaries may request an Inter-District Transfer. For information, visit **bit.ly/OUSDInterDistrict**.

NEED HELP?

Student & Community Services: (714) 628-5424
orangeusd.org/enrollment

RESOURCES

EXPANDED LEARNING

OUSD's Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) extends learning beyond the school day through engaging before-school, after-school, summer, and intersession programs. TK–8 students explore careers and college pathways through hands-on, real-world experiences that spark awareness of future opportunities from an early age. As a key Community Schools partner, Expanded Learning also supports students and families through enrichment, family engagement, and collaboration with parent groups, PTAs, and school site councils.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Orange Unified provides comprehensive special education and related services to students with disabilities from birth through age 22. As a leader in inclusive education, OUSD supports students in learning alongside their peers while nurturing each student's unique strengths.

91.9% special education graduation rate, the highest in Orange County.
94%+ of special education graduates transition directly to continuing education or competitive integrated employment.

COMMUNITY CENTERS

OUSD Community School Centers are beacons of learning, connection, and community support, helping families find resources and opportunities that meet them where they are. Each center reflects the unique needs, strengths, and voice of its community, while together forming a connected web of support that brings families and community partners together.

Across the network, families can connect to adult learning, health and wellness, basic-needs support, and family learning opportunities, including English and citizenship classes, workshops, Zumba, food resources, parent workstations, and reading clubs. While offerings vary by site, families can connect with the Community Center that best meets their needs while receiving the same high standard of support from an OUSD Community School Site Lead. Workshops, free classes and courses, and other opportunities are available on the OUSD calendar at **bit.ly/OUSDEngagement.**

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY

Chapman University is a longtime partner of Orange Unified, supporting our students through the arts, STEM, educator preparation, and community events. From hosting student performances and showcases to donating classroom technology, placing student teachers in our schools, and sponsoring District celebrations, Chapman helps open doors to learning and opportunity for our students.

RANCHO SANTIAGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

OUSD partners with Santiago Canyon College and Santa Ana College to expand college and career readiness through dual enrollment, articulation, CTE pathway development, industry certifications, and work-based learning opportunities. These partnerships allow scholars to earn college credit while in high school, explore career pathways, and transition seamlessly into postsecondary education and high-demand careers.

ORANGE UNIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

The Orange Unified Public Schools Foundation supports OUSD schools and scholars by helping bring additional resources, opportunities, and community support to classrooms and programs across the district. Visit **oupsf.org** to donate or find out more information.







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DATA SOURCES

California Department of Education - *California School Dashboard • DataQuest • Graduation Rate • College/Career Indicator • ELA/Math Assessment Data* | **Fitch Ratings -** *OUSD financial and bond ratings* | **California School Boards Association -** *Golden Bell Awards* | **California School Attendance Review Board (SARB) -** *2026 Model School recognition* | **U.S. News & World Report** - *Best High, Middle, and Elementary Schools recognition* | **LCAP Report -** *Data reflect the most recent reporting period available for each measure. Reporting periods vary by indicator. Recognition information reflects the 2024–26 accomplishments period unless otherwise noted.*







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