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Exploring Our High Schools

Santa Ana Unified School District

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About SAUSD

The Santa Ana Unified School District is the sixth largest school district in the State of California and the largest district in Orange county providing educational services to 56,000 students in 61 schools. There are six traditional high schools, one early entry college high school on the campus of Santa Ana College, and two alternative schools. This brochure highlights the programs and uniqueness of each of our high schools.

The Santa Ana Unified School District Board of Education Vision and Mission reflect the district's path to providing a world-class education to ensure all students are college and career ready and prepared to assume their role as part of the global community.

Vision Statement

We will work collaboratively and comprehensively with staff, parents, and the community to strengthen a learning environment focused on raising the achievement of all students and preparing them for success in college and career.

Mission Statement

We assure well-rounded learning experiences, which prepare our students for success in college and career. We engage, inspire, and challenge all of our students to become productive citizens, ethical leaders, and positive contributors to our community, country and a global society.

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Century High School (CHS) is a small, safe, and secure high school with 1,850 students. Technology is integrated in all instruction at CHS, and each teacher utilizes technological tools in each classroom to enrich the learning environment for students. CHS is a school for all students with an average class size ratio of 30 students to 1 teacher. Extended learning, extra-curricular activities, and competitive athletic programs are offered every day after school.

Century High School

Michael Parra, Principal 1401 South Grand Avenue

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College and Career Pathways

DIGITAL MEDIA ACADEMY – Students learn career standards of art, digital animation, and design to build a portfolio of work for certification.

eBUSINESS ACADEMY (Entrepreneurial Business) – Students learn how to form and run a virtual business and compete statewide.

ENGINEERING AND DESIGN ACADEMY – Students take coursework utilizing Project Lead the Way curriculum to learn engineering practices and may choose two strands in their junior and senior years to earn software certification.

TEACH (Teacher Education Academy at Century High) – Students take career education courses and learn to provide tutorial support at local elementary schools.

Unique Programs

STEAM FOCUS - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY - STEM Curriculum with a biotechnical strand

STEM COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY LAB – Elective for all students to introduce Science, Technology, Engineering and Math careers

VIDEO PRODUCTION STUDIO - Production of daily news broadcasts

201	13	First Place Award, California State Fair Industrial & Technology Competition
20	13	National Exemplary Anti Bully Program Award
201	12	California Association of Student Councils (CASC) Exemplary Model for Outstanding ASB Activities and Student Leadership
201	12	Project Tomorrow "Innovation in Education Award in Science, Math, and Technology"
201	12	Third Place, National CIRT-ACE Design Competition in Washington, DC
201	12	Third Place, Rapid Tech HS 2012 Student Design Competition
20	12, 2011	Peer Assistance Leadership (PAL) class recognized by Orange County Department of Education



Students at Godinez Fundamental High School (GFHS) want to make a difference in this world. From the Class of 2013, 92.6% are attending a two or fouryear college. This class was represented by 33 students who went out of state to attend private or public institutions, 56 to campuses in the University of California system, 122 to campuses in the California State University system, and 364 to community colleges.

Godinez Fundamental High School

Cindy Landsiedel, Principal 3002 Centennial Rd.

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College and Career Pathways

DESIGN, VISUAL, AND MEDIA ARTS PATHWAY – Students learn career standards of art and design, digital photography and animation, to develop high-quality photography and graphic art images for their portfolio.

HEALTH SCIENCE PATHWAY – Students learn medical terminology, body systems, anatomy and physiology, and bio-safety. Students gain practical hands-on experience in Vital Signs, Emergency Medical Care, First Aid and CPR.

Unique Programs

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES - Over 18 AP courses offered

ROP COURSES – Courses offered include Sports Medicine, Medical Core, Art/Animation, and Digital Photography among others

- 2013 Each year, students from our senior class receive over \$3.3 million in financial aid in scholarships and awards from institutions and programs such as Questbridge, HEEF, AVID, ACE, MESA, and other local organizations
- 2013 Six Godinez students recognized at the Congressional Art Competition sponsored by the office of Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez
- 2013 Six members of the Godinez choral program invited to the prestigious Southern California Vocal Association competition





Middle College High School (MCHS) is a small, rigorous comprehensive high school that is unique in that students can achieve both a high school diploma and an Associate of Arts degree or units toward a four-year college degree simultaneously. Offering primarily a dual-enrollment academic program, the school is located on the Santa Ana College campus, providing high school students with immediate access to a college atmosphere and resources.

Middle College High School

Kathy Apps, Ed.D., Principal

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College and Career Pathways

MCHS prepares students both personally and academically for college and career through highly personalized academic counseling and support for the rigorous courses of study in which they are dually enrolled. Every MCHS student is required to take AVID which serves as an academic support class that offers tutoring and focuses on promoting essential writing, inquiry, collaborative, organizational, and critical reading skills that are necessary for success in rigorous courses. Through AVID, students also explore career options via inquiry-based classroom activities such as Roadtrip Nation, field trips, and guest speakers from various professional roles in Orange County. MCHS students who successfully complete a series of transferrable SAC courses in strong standing are eligible for the Adelante! transfer program to the University of California, Irvine or California State University, Fullerton.

Unique Programs

"EARLY COLLEGE" HIGH SCHOOL – Middle College High School is an "early college" high school located on the Santa Ana College campus. Through a joint partnership between SAUSD and Santa Ana College, students are enrolled concurrently in both high school classes and Santa Ana College courses. Students work toward the goal of completing at least 30 units of college coursework towards an AA degree and/or transferrable credit towards a 4-year university degree while earning their high school diploma.

ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION (AVID) – An academic support class that offers tutoring and focuses on promoting essential writing, inquiry, collaborative, organizational, and critical reading skills that are necessary for success in rigorous courses.

- 2013 National Title I Achievement School
- 2013 California Distinguished School
- 2013 United Way Destination Graduation grant recipient
- 2012 First Place, USC Robotics Competition
- 2009 National Blue Ribbon School

Saddleback High School (SHS) is committed to providing a quality education for each of our 1,800 students. With an average class size ratio of 22 students to 1 teacher, SHS's instructional program is tailored to meet the needs of all students with personalized support to help them achieve their goals. Students are guided to develop college and career interests and supported with additional academic support including tutoring and intervention programs. Parent involvement is encouraged and embraced.

Saddleback High School

Robert Laxton, Ed.D., Principal

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College and Career Pathways – The College Majors School

COLLEGE MAJORS ACADEMIC ACADEMY – This academic academy is designed for students who want to earn the Advanced Placement International Diploma. Students take a rigorous course of study in year one and two, starting with World History Honors and AP World History. Students take multiple Advanced Placement Classes in the eleventh and twelfth grades with the goal of passing AP exams with a score of 3 or higher and applying to a foreign university. Saddleback offers fourteen AP classes in a variety of subjects. Last year, there were 16 AP Scholars and 1 AP Scholar with Distinction.

COLLEGE MAJORS STEM ACADEMY – The STEM academy is for students who have an interest in the biomedical field. Naval Cadets also participate in selected STEM academy activities. The Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Biomedical Academy is only offered at Saddleback.

COLLEGE MAJORS CAREER PATHWAY – Saddleback offers a Design, Visual, and Media Arts Pathway. Students in Performing Arts (Band, Choir, and Dance), Visual Arts, and Foreign Language are also part of this career pathway.

Unique Programs

ACHIEVEMENT INSTITUTE OF SCENITIFIC STUDIES (AISS) – Helps economically-disadvantaged high school students earn a college or university degree in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION (AVID) – Program provides students with academic and social support for college or university degrees. Students learn critical thinking, organizational and study skills; receive academic help from peers and college tutors; and participate in enrichment and motivational activities.

GEAR UP – Department of Education program to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. GEAR UP focuses on college readiness, especially in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

LINK CREW – High school transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of high school. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, the program trains mentors from junior and senior classes to be Link Crew Leaders.

NAVY NATIONAL DEFENSE CADETS CORPS – Emphasizes citizenship and leadership development as well as our maritime heritage. There are extra-curricular activities of community service, academic, athletic, drill competitions, field meets, visits to naval bases, and physical fitness training.

SIMON SCHOLARS – Develops self-esteem and self-confidence while providing the means by which students can earn a bachelor's degree in their quest to become productive, independent, and self-sufficient individuals. Students are selected at the end of their tenth grade year.

- 2013 Graduates earned \$320,000 in scholarships and \$440,000 in institutional gift aid
- 2013 CIF Division 5 Championship, Boys Soccer
- 2013 Award Winning Band Program
- 2013 Second place, Telemundo 52 Cheerleading Competition
- 2012 Six-Year WASC Accreditation
- 2011 Outstanding MESA Program
- 2010 Gates Millennium Scholarship Winner





As the oldest high school in Orange County, Santa Ana High School (SAHS) has a rich tradition of offering numerous programs that encourage student involvement. With an enrollment of 2,800 students, SAHS offers programs and activities to interest each student. Students have opportunities to participate in the Visual and Performing Arts program, 50 extracurricular clubs, organizations, and athletic programs, and the award-winning Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC). Incoming freshmen are paired with peer mentors to support their transition from middle to high school.

Santa Ana High School

Julie Infante, *Principal* 520 W. Walnut St. Santa Ana, CA 92701

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College and Career Pathways

PERFORMING ARTS PATHWAY – As the Visual and Performing Arts School, there are multiple courses in Performing Arts such as Dance, Drama, Beginning to Show Choir, and Instrumental Music-Band, Orchestra, Mariachi, Jazz, Vocal Music.

DESIGN, VISUAL, AND MEDIA ARTS PATHWAY – Students learn career standards of art and design, digital photography and animation, to develop high-quality photography and graphic art images for their portfolio.

FASHION DESIGN AND MERCHANDISING PATHWAY – Students learn all aspects of the fashion industry from the creative and artistic elements to business and retail.

HEALTH SCIENCE PATHWAY – Students learn medical terminology, body systems, anatomy and physiology, and bio-safety. Students gain practical hands-on experience in Vital Signs, Emergency Medical Care, First Aid and CPR.

STEM PATHWAY (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) – Students learn engineering practices utilizing Project Lead the Way curriculum. The hands-on, project-based engineering courses engage students on multiple levels, expose them to areas of study that they typically do not pursue, and provide them with a foundation and proven path to college and career success.

PUBLIC SERVICES PATHWAY – Students are introduced to the careers and activities associated with the criminal justice system and principles of our judicial system.

TRANSPORTATION PATHWAY – Students will learn about engine fundamentals, electrical, fuel, ignition, brake and steering systems as well as the diagnostic equipment and technology used in modern repair facilities.

Unique Programs

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES - 13 AP Courses available

ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION (AVID) – A college readiness elective course that is designed to increase school-wide learning and performance

CAHSEE PREP – An elective course designed to support students in English and Math in order to acquire the skills needed to pass this required exam

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) – Courses available in Animation, Auto, Criminal Justice, Graphic Design, Fashion Design and Medical Core

HONORS COURSES - 8 Honors Courses available

2013	C.S.F. Gold Seal Bearer Awardees
2013	Gold Award Winner qualifying SAHS choir to participate in the National Youth Choir at Carnegie Hall
2013	NJROTC National Distinguished Unit Award
2013, 2012, 2011	Six Individual CIF Champions, Boys Wrestling
2012, 2011	Individual CIF Champion, Girls Wrestling
2011	State Champion, Girls Wrestling
2010	Gates Millennium Scholarship Winner
2010	CIF Dual Meet Championship, Boys Wrestling

Segerstrom High School (SHS) utilizes a fundamental system of adhering to high expectations of students, staff, and parents to contribute to school culture and to create a college-bound atmosphere. Students are challenged with rigorous curriculum and highachieving standards in the academics and arts, as well as in athletics and activities. Technology is integrated in every classroom to support student learning.

Segerstrom High School

Duncan McCulloch, Principal

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College and Career Pathways

DESIGN, VISUAL, AND MEDIA ARTS PATHWAY – Students learn career standards of art and design, digital photography, to develop high-quality photography and graphic art images for their portfolio.

STEM PATHWAY (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) – Students learn engineering practices utilizing Project Lead the Way curriculum. The hands-on, project-based engineering courses engage students on multiple levels, expose them to areas of study that they typically do not pursue, and provide them with a foundation and proven path to college and career success.

Unique Programs

ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION (AVID) – Program provides students with academic and social support for college or university degrees. Students learn critical thinking, organizational and study skills; receive academic help from peers and college tutors; and participate in enrichment and motivational activities.

- 2013 U.S. News and World Report Silver Medal School of Achievement
- 2013 CIF Championship, Boys Water Polo
- 2013 First Place, USA Spirit Nationals Song/Pom Division, Varsity Dance Team and Junior Varsity Dance Team





Valley High School

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College and Career Pathways – High School, Inc. Academies

CULINARY ARTS AND HOSPITALITY ACADEMY – Students learn about the Food Service and Hospitality Industry and explore a variety of careers while developing basic nutritional and food preparation skills.

HEALTHCARE ACADEMY – Students learn medical terminology, body systems, anatomy and physiology, and bio-safety. Students gain practical hands-on experience in Vital Signs, Emergency Medical Care, First Aid and CPR.

AUTOMOTIVE, TRANSPORTATION, AND LOGISTICS ACADEMY – Students will learn about engine fundamentals, electrical, fuel, ignition, brake and steering systems as well as the diagnostic equipment and technology used in modern repair facilities.

NEW MEDIA ACADEMY – Students learn career standards of art and design, digital photography and animation, to develop high-quality photography and graphic art images for their portfolio.

GLOBAL BUSINESS ACADEMY – Students are given a foundation in marketing, economics, finance, technology, and the cultural aspects of business to become successful in their chosen area of business.

ENGINEERING, MANUFACTURING, and **CONSTRUCTION ACADEMY** – Students are introduced to the engineering design process and how it is used to solve technological problems.

Unique Programs

ANTEATER ACADEMY – A very rigorous four-year academic program, with support from UC Irvine, designed to help students become competitive applicants to UCs and similar universities.

ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION (AVID) – Prepares students for success in high school and college.

FRESHMAN VILLAGE – A small learning community with all 9th grade students in one area of the school.

Awards and Recognition

- 2014, 2013, 2012 First Place, National Cooking Up Change Competition in Washington, D.C.; Valley High School Culinary Arts team
 2012, 2013 Global Business Academy selected to represent the California Partnership Academies (CPA) as one of 15 CPA Lighthouse Academy model programs in the State.
- 2012, 2011 CIF Championship, Girls Water Polo

About us

Valley High School (VHS) is home to 2,200 students. With strong community support, students are afforded numerous opportunities to help them graduate from high school ready for college, career, and civic engagement. VHS partners with Santa Ana College, Cal State Fullerton, and UC Irvine. Freshmen are provided upperclassmen mentors to help their transition from middle to high school. Valley has a huge variety of clubs, sports, and other activities so that every student can find a way to get involved and make the most of the high school experience.



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Educational Options

César E. Chávez High School

Matthew Cruz, Principal 2128 South Cypress Avenue

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Cesar E. Chavez High School is an extraordinary place. It is a high school that offers non-traditional options for the students of Santa Ana School District to take control over their academic paths to college and/or careers. Classes fulfilling the A through G college requirements can be taken at accelerated rates; meaning that students are able to obtain a high school diploma and enter into a university or career earlier than what is possible at traditional high schools. The dedicated teaching staff works diligently to structure classes so that Core Standards are accessible to students and are student-centered. What this means is that students at Cesar E. Chavez High School are delivered a rigorous meaningful education empowering them to achieve their unique plans of study.

Students at Chavez High School will develop plans of study enabling them to plan, implement, and monitor their classes. Their unique plans will be developed online through the California College Guidance Initiative. After creating their own student profiles at CaliforniaColleges.edu, students will be able to track their own progress towards achieving their post-secondary (after high school) dreams. Graduating with a diploma from Cesar E. Chavez High School means that students are prepared and ready for a successful college education and/or prosperous career.

Making students Whole is the daily work of Cesar E. Chavez High School. We work with students to ensure that they are Well. We will help students discover their purpose in life so that they will be Happy. We teach them how to be Organized so that they can work on a plan of study. We insure that they Learn what is necessary to achieve academic Success. And we teach them the joy of being Excellent.

Lorin Griset Academy

Patrick Cornforth, Principal 1915 West McFadden Avenue Santa Ana, CA 92704 Phone: (714) 648-2900

Lorin Griset Academy enjoys a history of success that is the result of a collegial partnership among the school staff, parents, community members, and the schools of Santa Ana Unified School District, who together provide wonderful opportunities and experiences for all students. We are a school of learning options that offers students the opportunity to complete their high school requirements in a personalized setting with individualized opportunities in a smaller learning environment. We nurture mutual respect and guide each student to respect themselves, adults, peers, and their community. We challenge every student to do their best, be their best, and exceed their potential. Students soon discover that the Lorin Griset experience is as unique as they are.

Lorin Griset Academy's staff strives to offer an academically rigorous learning environment to engage each student by linking the curriculum to previous knowledge and experiences and to promote and encourage further exploration of new ideas. Parents, teachers, support staff, community members, and administration all play an important role in engaging our children to become active learners. It is our genuine desire to provide ever increasing opportunities for our students to acquire the skills of empowered citizens in a vastly changing society. We pride ourselves in creating an individualized graduation plan for each student while affording students the option of returning to their comprehensive high school or graduating from Lorin Griset Academy, all the while preparing them to be ready for college and/or career pursuits.



Why Santa Ana Unified?

Santa Ana students are supported and encouraged to attain the State Seal of Biliteracy, an award presented to graduating seniors who have mastered two or more languages and that gives them a competitive edge in the global job market.

Through the Santa Ana Adelante program, all high school students are guaranteed priority registration at Santa Ana College (SAC) and guaranteed transfers if admission requirements are met to attend California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) or University of California, Irvine (UCI), where they have direct access to a four year university. All SAUSD students attending SAC will receive individual assistance to ensure they access all available financial assistance while at SAC.

- Students participating in the AVID program are challenged beyond their comfort zone and supported with tutoring, mentors, and workshops to ensure academic success in high school and college.
 - Upon graduation, seniors have an opportunity to verbalize to adults the knowledge and skills they learned while in high school and their unique stories in how they achieved them through participation in the Senior Portfolio and Exit Interview. The formal yet supportive setting provides seniors the experience of what "real-world" interviews will be like when they transition into college and career.
- All students receive breakfast and lunch at no cost based on 91.1% of the student population eligibility for free and reduced-priced meals; this ensures that every student is receiving nutrition to prepare them for a day of learning.
- Perfect attendance at school is recognized through awards and incentives including eligibility in a free car giveaway.

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