



It's Time to Celebrate What's Good in Public Education!

The Anaheim Union High School District serves approximately 30,000 students in the communities of Anaheim, Cypress, Buena Park, La Palma, and Stanton.

AUHSD students benefit from these opportunities:

- Σ The No. 1 public school in California, Oxford Academy, a 7-12 school of choice that draws students from across AUHSD.
- Σ Anaheim Union Educational Pledge—Orange County's most comprehensive education support system for students and parents—culminates in a guaranteed admission to the University of California, Irvine (UCI), or California State University, Fullerton, if you meet transfer guidelines from Fullerton or Cypress colleges
- Σ Anaheim's Innovative Mentoring Experience (AIME)—a vibrant and far-reaching partnership with local corporations and non-profits to mentor and provide paid summer internships for our students. AIME has served almost 4,000 students in just three years.
- Σ Magnolia High School is the home of Southern California's first Cyber Security High School Pathway, in partnership with UCI, Cypress College, and the North Orange County Regional Occupational Program.
- Σ Magnolia High School is also home to industry partnerships that allow students to receive Federal Aviation Administration training on piloting drones.
- Σ The Dual Language Academy at Sycamore Junior High School/Anaheim High School is so popular that we started a second academy for students in the Brookhurst Junior High School/Savanna High School pathway.
- Σ Students are attaining the California Seal of Biliteracy signifying mastery of two languages at a rapidly increasing rate. Nearly 1,000 graduates attained the seal in 2018 for proficiency in English and Spanish, French, Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Japanese, or Korean.
- Σ AUHSD is first public school district in Orange County to offer Arabic as a strategic world language, and we recently added Vietnamese as one of our language offerings.
- Σ We host a Summer Language Academy, where newcomer students learn English by telling their personal stories through various methods, including poetry, essays, and artwork.
- Σ The rigorous International Baccalaureate Program is a marquee program at Kennedy High School, drawing students from inside and outside the District.

- Σ eLearning classes taught by AUHSD teachers offer a 24/7 instructional option that emphasizes literacy, communication and collaboration, and critical thinking.

Outside the classroom, AUHSD students also have access to these extracurricular opportunities:

- Σ Outstanding visual and performing arts programs that enroll two-thirds of our students.
- Σ 8 intramural sports at the junior high level. AUHSD is one of the few school districts that still offer an intramural sports program that draws half of all junior high students as participants, regardless of skill level
- Σ Full range of 23 boys' and girls' high school sports; wide array of campus clubs and leadership opportunities that promote social and civic engagement and development

Students also have opportunities to connect across campuses and with the community through these popular annual District events:

- Σ AUHSD Servathon, which features thousands of students performing hundreds of service projects on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service.
- Σ STEAMAPALOOZA, where students across the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) disciplines share their deeper learning experiences and passion for a particular topic with the community.
- Σ AUHSD Film Festival, featuring the best student films in numerous categories
- Σ "Our Future Now" Sustainability Showcase at Cal State Fullerton, with students performing TED Talks on global sustainability issues.
- Σ Band and Pageantry Spectacular, with inspiring music, colorful pageantry, and precise marching bands from each high school.
- Σ "Color and Light" Art and Photography Exhibition, showcasing prize-winning works by students in various media, displayed at the Muzeo.
- Σ Superintendent's Scholar/Athlete Awards Dinner honoring the on and off-the-field accomplishments of these well-rounded students.
- Σ AUHSD College and Career Fair at the Anaheim Convention Center, which annually draws 10,000 people and features representatives from hundreds of colleges and career technical schools, plus the military.

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

Thirteen AUHSD campuses are designated as California Gold Ribbon Schools for their academic excellence: Anaheim, Cypress, Kennedy, Savanna, Loara, and Western high schools, Oxford Academy (7-12), and Brookhurst, Dale, Lexington, South, Sycamore, and Walker junior high schools.

The 13 Gold Ribbon schools join the five California Distinguished Schools:

- Σ Cypress High School
- Σ John F. Kennedy High School
- Σ Western High School

- Σ Lexington Junior High School
- Σ Walker Junior High School
- Σ Fourteen AUHSD campuses have Platinum, Silver, or Gold Level Recognition from the State of California for Positive Behaviors Intervention and Supports (PBIS), which aims to improve student behavior and make school safer. They are: Platinum Level—Oxford Academy, Cypress and Kennedy high schools, and Lexington Junior High School; Gold Level—Anaheim, Loara, Magnolia, Savanna, and Western, high schools, plus Brookhurst and Walker junior high schools; Silver Level—Katella and Gilbert high schools and Dale Junior High School.
- Σ AUHSD is putting American democracy at the forefront of student learning, with five of our campuses—South, Dale, and Brookhurst junior high schools, plus Savanna and Loara high schools—named as California Democracy Schools.
- Σ Oxford Academy is a National Blue Ribbon School, based on overall academic excellence. Oxford Academy is representative of the entire District as it draws students from across the District.
- Σ Oxford Academy also ranked as the No. 1 school in Orange County, No. 1 in the state, and No. 36 nationally.
- Σ Savanna High School is a P21 National Exemplar School, the first and only in the state to be designated as such, for its innovative approaches to 21st century teaching and learning.
- Σ Gilbert High School has been named a “Model Continuation High School” by the State of California.
- Σ The California School Boards Association has awarded a prestigious Golden Bell to three District programs that are state models that other school districts can replicate:
 - Σ “Our Future Now” Sustainability Conference, which features TED Talk-style presentations highlighting solutions to global sustainability issues.
 - Σ Student Ambassador Program, where students from every campus represent their peers in the community as the face of the District and lend the student voice to governance issues.
 - Σ Parent Learning Walks, in which classroom visits are undertaken so parents can better understand and support student learning.

EXCELLENCE AT THE TOP

- Σ Superintendent Michael Matsuda attained the 2018 State Administrator for Social Studies Diane L. Brooks Award.
- Σ The Orange County Hispanic Education Endowment Fund honored Superintendent Matsuda with its 2018 Apple of Gold for Excellence in Education award.
- Σ Superintendent Matsuda is the California Association for Bilingual Education’s 2017 Administrator of the Year.
- Σ Superintendent Matsuda received an honorary doctorate from Chapman University in 2017 for education innovation.
- Σ In 2016, Superintendent Matsuda was selected as one of 13 “National Leaders to Learn From” by Education Week for his efforts to support English learner students.

Σ Superintendent Matsuda was honored with California State University, Fullerton's Visionary Leader Award in 2016.