TYPE OF SCHOOL
Established in 1966, El Modena features college and career preparatory education for ninth through twelfth grade students. Located in the city of Orange, and part of the Orange Unified School District, El Modena educates students from the cities of Orange, Tustin, Silverado Canyon, Modjeska Canyon, and sections of Santa Ana. The school serves a predominantly suburban population, with students coming from a wide variety of socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds with a broad range of educational needs.

The school has experienced significant growth over the last decade, and campus space has become limited. Due to academic successes and extensive extracurricular offerings, El Modena has earned a positive community reputation and become the open enrollment school-of-choice.

The State Department of Education selected El Modena High School as a California Distinguished School in 2005. In 2014-15, El Modena applied for and received a Gold Ribbon School Program Award as a direct reflection of the school stakeholders’ dedication, hard work, and vision.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY
Student population is 2,200
- 549 seniors
- 485 juniors
- 554 sophomores
- 612 freshmen

There are 228 special education students, 266 ELL students, 186 GATE identified students and 909 students taking AP and Honors classes.

FACULTY
The El Modena High School certificated staff consists of 89 teachers, five counselors, four administrators, a librarian, two psychologists, and four itinerant staff including speech, vision, and hearing specialists, as well as a school nurse, for a total of 105 faculty members.

The faculty of El Modena reflects 100% compliance in regards to state, county and national credentialing laws. Over 40 El Modena teachers currently hold a Master Degree or higher, while all other staff members hold credentials in their specific teaching content area.

ACCREDITATION
El Modena High School has successfully engaged in the WASC self-study process since its inception. The school was awarded a six-year term of accreditation after each of its previous three self-studies.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
230 Credits (1 semester class = 5 credits)
- English: 40 credits
- History/Social Science: 30 credits
- Science: 20 credits
- Math: 20 credits
- P.E.: 20 credits
- Fine Arts/World Languages: 10 credits
- Freshman Seminar/Career Focus: 5 credits
- Health: 5 credits
- Electives / CTE: 80 credits

GRADE POINT AVERAGE
The school-wide average GPA for 2015 is 3.0

CURRICULUM
El Modena strives to properly connect and serve all Vanguard students’ needs. The school continues to implement proper interventions and, in the evolving technological landscape, affords students the opportunity to reach lofty goals for academic growth.

CTP-Collaborative Technology Program
A cohort program for sophomore to senior year that integrates English, History, and Technology

AVID-Advancement via Individual Determination
Closes the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society

COLLEGE & CAREER PATHWAYS
College & Career Pathways mix rigorous academics and hands-on experience to prepare students for workplace challenges and future education. Students earn college credits through articulated and dual-enrollment courses. Work-based learning is the capstone of many pathways. There are 1,392 students currently enrolled in 76 CTE classes. El Modena’s Pathways are:

- Arts, Media, & Entertainment
  - Dance, Digital Photography,
    - Graphic Design, Video Game Design

- Biomedical & Health Sciences
  - Emergency Medicine, Patient Care, Sports Medicine

- Information & Communications Technology
  - IT/Computer Science, Robotics

- Education & Child Development
- Culinary Arts
- Business Management
- Engineering
- Public Services

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY
Biomedical Science Program
The challenging and relevant four-course PLTW Biomedical Science sequence allows students to investigate the roles of biomedical professionals as they study the concepts of human medicine, physiology, genetics, microbiology, and public health.

Students engage in activities like investigating the death of a fictional person to learn content in the context of real-world cases. They examine the structures and interactions of human body systems and explore the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease, all while working collaboratively to understand and design solutions to the most pressing health challenges of today and the future.
AP and HONORS COURSES
The Advanced Placement Program continues as one of El Modena High School's strengths. The program consistently ranks at or near the top of the district for the numbers of test-takers and passing scores. El Modena offers approximately 40 sections of AP classes annually to enable students to challenge and further prepare for college. In 2015-16, El Modena has 1,172 students taking AP classes.

AP Classes & Tests offered 15-16 Earned 3 or above on AP Test 2014

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BILITERACY SEAL
Students who successfully complete four years of a language are eligible for a Seal of Biliteracy.
- 97 EMHS students will be recognized with a Seal of Biliteracy in 2016.

EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES
El Modena offers students a wide range of extracurricular, academic, and co-curricular activities along with sports. El Modena participates in many local, regional, & state organizations that include leadership and competitions where El Modena is regularly recognized for high achievement. Some of the over 60 clubs and community service organizations are:
- ASB
- Mock Trial / Speech & Debate
- EMTV/Digital Yearbook
- SkillsUSA / HOSA / Educators Rising
- National Honor Society
- Key Club / Interact
- Clockwork Orange Robotics Team
- Red Cross Club
- Literary Magazine
- P.A.L. Peer Assistance League
- Rowdy Rooters

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS
Junior students who score high on the PSAT exam are eligible to be a Merit Scholar. National Merit Finalists earn scholarship money up to $2,500. EMHS had 5 National Merit Scholars in 2015.

AP SCHOLARS
The AP Program recognizes high school students who have demonstrated outstanding college-level achievement through AP courses and exams with the AP Scholar Awards.

POST-SECONDARY CHOICES BY EL MODENA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

81% of the graduates of 2015 are enrolled in post-secondary institutions.
Some are:
- University of California: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz
- Cal Poly: Pomona, San Luis Obispo
- Cal State: Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Marcos
- Private and Out of State: ASU, Univ. of AZ, Boston Univ., Cal Lutheran, Chapman Univ., Clemson, Fullerton College, Univ. of Hawaii, Loyola, UNC Chapel Hill, Providence College, Univ. of Oregon, Ohio State, Washington State, USC, SMU, and Univ. of Notre Dame

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