For more than fifty years, El Modena High School has been serving the community of East Orange, opening its doors to students in 1966. Vanguards graduate from El Modena ready to make their mark in the community. El Modena’s Career and Technical Education (CTE) program boasts one of the top culinary arts programs in the county, as well as career pathways in a variety of fields, including engineering, computer science, and robotics. Vanguard students have the opportunities, the tools, and the school support to succeed after graduation. Through our academic successes and extensive extracurricular offerings, El Modena has earned a positive reputation in the community and become the open enrollment school-of-choice.

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Biomedical Science Program - El Modena added a new, challenging program in the Biomedical Science field. Students have the opportunity to explore the world of public health with classes in medicine, physiology, genetics and microbiology, that will prepare them for a career in the medical field.

EMTV - Want to be a Newscaster? Videographer? Editor? Director? All of those roles and more are available to you on Vanguard Voice, a unique television news program that lets everyone know what’s happening on campus.

VAPA - El Modena’s Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) program is one of the best in the state. Whether your passion is dance, ceramics, theatre, instrumental, vocal music or painting, you can express yourself through the Vanguard’s VAPA program.

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129 California Golden Seal Diplomas awarded
93 Seals of Biliteracy awarded to students in 2017
Over 60 clubs and community service organizations
AP Capstone Diploma Program
Recognized as a National Honor Roll School in 2018
Recognized by US News & World Report as a Silver Medal School in 2018