



EL MODENA HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

We are approaching that time of year when you will finalize your choice of high school for your eighth grade student and begin preparing for the transition to ninth grade. This means some of you will begin the Open Enrollment process in an effort to move your child to an academic institution outside of your neighborhood. I understand this decision can be difficult and that a variety of factors may be involved; as the parent of a high school student, I can assure you I have experienced this first hand. However, as an administrator in the Orange Unified School District, my perceptions may be dramatically different from yours.

My role as principal of El Modena High School has permitted me to examine demographic trends within OUSD and analyze a large volume of data related to campus safety, instructional efficacy, and student performance. I have also had the opportunity to speak with numerous parents and students from all over the district about their educational goals and aspirations. Three things have become patently clear to me as a result of this research. The first is that parents sometimes move their students to other schools on the basis of erroneous assumptions, misinformation, or incomplete data. The second is that El Modena High School is an outstanding academic institution that offers the same rigor, relevance, and opportunities as our top sister schools—private or public. The third is that El Modena High School provides students with a safe learning environment conducive to student achievement.

Ultimately, the choice of where to send your child to high school is a very important one; therefore, it should be an informed decision. For this reason, I would like to invite you to join us on the evening of Wednesday, February 15th for two brief but significant meetings. The first will be a general overview of El Modena High School and a presentation of relevant data that you will undoubtedly find very enlightening. The second will focus specifically upon our many honors and Advanced Placement courses and our GATE program.

El Modena High School General Information Meeting
February 15th
6:00 – 7:00 PM
Cafeteria

El Modena High School Advanced Academics Meeting
February 15th
7:00 – 8:00 PM
Cafeteria

Before you commit to paying fees to a private school or to commuting all the way across town, I encourage you to join us and learn why your neighborhood school, El Modena High, can ensure your child's future success.

Warmest regards,

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