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CA

Placentia

# HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



**EXCHANGE  
MATE**   
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

# PLACENTIA-YORBA LINDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



PUBLIC



HOMESTAY



COED



CITY



ARTS



SPORTS



PROGRAM



DIPLOMA

14 to 19  
years old

F-1  
VISA

ELTiS 2.0  
Not Required\*

## DISTRICT DETAILS

**Grades Accepted:** 9 -12

**Student Population:** Co-Ed (Boys & Girls)

**Religious Affiliation:** Not Religious

**ESL Offered:** Yes

**Sports:** Yes (Must pass school tryouts)

**Graduation & Diploma:** Yes (Must meet graduation requirements)

**Program Length:** Fall and Spring Semester, Fall Year, and Calendar Year

**Website:** [www.pylusd.org](http://www.pylusd.org)



## PLACENTIA (CA)

### CLOSEST AIRPORT

John Wayne Airport (SNA / KSNA)

**Population:** 51,233

**Community:** The City of Placentia is only 6.6 square miles, and is located in North Orange County, California. Placentia is bordered by Yorba Linda, Brea, Fullerton and Anaheim. The city is predominantly residential and is considered a “bedroom community.” While the city of Placentia does not have its own tourist destinations or attractions to draw in thousands of monthly visitors, it is within a short driving distance of the surrounding areas major colleges, beaches, and family attractions like Knotts’s Berry Farm and Disneyland. Living in Placentia offers residents a dense suburban feel and most residents own their homes.

### DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Schools are ranked as some of the best in California.

Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Honors classes.

Championship sports teams, award-winning academic teams, and prestigious visual and performing arts programs.

One of only two public school districts in Orange County, California that is certified to accept international high school students on an F1 visa.

\*Students will be accessed once they have been enrolled and will be provided support classes if deemed necessary.

## FUN FACTS

### A PLEASANT PLACE

Placentia is the Latin word for "a pleasant place" - has retained the small-town image since settlers arrived more than 100 years ago.

### ALL AMERICA CITY

Placentia was honored in 1971 with the prestigious "All America City" Award, given out annually by the National Civic League.

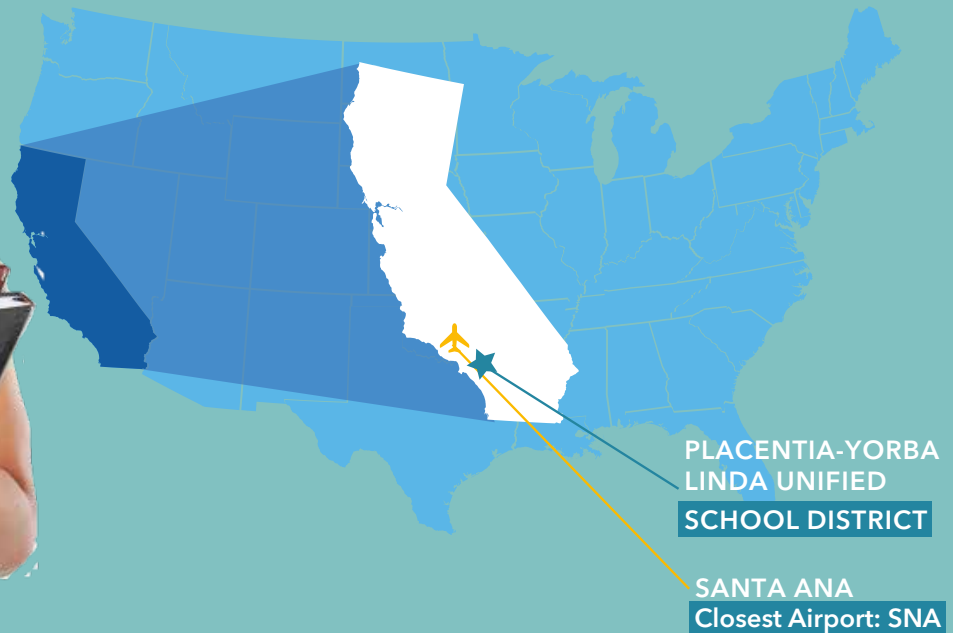
### THE SMALLEST CITY

The city of Placentia is one of the smallest cities in Orange County, CA with 6.6 square miles.

### OTHER PLACENTIAS

There are 3 others Placentias in the world: Placentia in Newfoundland, Canada. A Placencia Peninsula in Creek District, Belize. And a Placentia in Northern Italy.

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# SCHOOL PROFILES

All classes, sports, clubs and other activities offered by the schools are subject to change. Availability will only be confirmed upon arrival. Students must meet state requirements and pass school tryouts in order to play sports during the program.



## EL DORADO HIGH SCHOOL

[www.edhs.org](http://www.edhs.org)

**Number of Students:** 2,010

**Grades:** 9-12

**Highlights:** In 2006, El Dorado High School was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School.

**Foreign Languages:** French, German, Japanese, and Spanish.

**Arts:** Choir, Design, Digital Arts, Orchestra, Theater.

**AP Courses:** Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry, Computer Science Principles, Drawing, English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, Environmental Science, European History, French Language & Culture, German Language & Culture, Japanese Language & Culture, Macroeconomics, Physics, Psychology, Spanish Language & Culture, Statistics, Studio Art 2D, Studio Art 3D, US Government & Politics, and US History.

**Boys Sports:**

**Fall** – American Football, Cross Country, and Water Polo.

**Winter** – Basketball, Soccer, and Wrestling.

**Spring** – Baseball, Golf, Lacrosse, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, and Volleyball.

**Girls Sports:**

**Fall** – Cross Country, Golf, Tennis, and Volleyball.

**Winter** – Basketball, Soccer, and Water Polo.

**Spring** – Cheer, Dance Team, Lacrosse, Softball, Swimming, and Track & Field.

# ESPERANZA HIGH SCHOOL

[www.esperanzahs.net](http://www.esperanzahs.net)

**Number of Students:** 1,485

**Grades:** 9 -12

**Highlights:** Esperanza High School was recognized as a California Distinguished School in 2002, and was awarded The California Gold Ribbon Award in 2015. The 2021 US News and World Report ranked Esperanza High School 323rd in the state of California and 2,212th out of more than 24,000 schools nationally.

**Foreign Languages:** French, German, Japanese, and Spanish.

**Arts:** Art Fundamentals, Art Projects, Band, Choir, Digital Photography, Drawing & Painting, Orchestra, Theater.

**AP Courses:** Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science Principles, Computer Science A, Drawing, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, European History, French Language, Human Geography, Japanese, Macroeconomics, Physics, Spanish Language, Statistics, Studio Art, Studio Art 2D, Studio Art 3D, US Government & Politics, and US History.

**Boys Sports:**

**Fall** – American Football, Cross Country, and Water Polo.

**Winter** – Basketball, Soccer, and Wrestling.

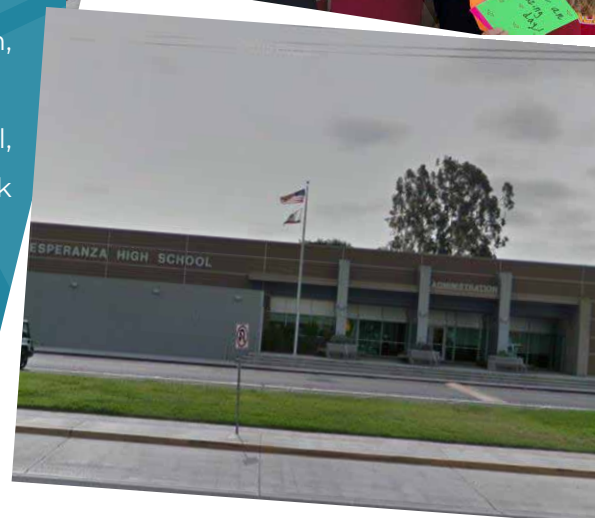
**Spring** – Baseball, Golf, Lacrosse, Swimming, Tennis, Track & Field, and Volleyball.

**Girls Sports:**

**Fall** – Cheer, Cross Country, Golf, Tennis, and Volleyball.

**Winter** – Cheer, Dance Team, Basketball, Soccer, and Water Polo.

**Spring** – Cheer, Lacrosse, Softball, Swimming & Water Polo, and Track & Field.





# VALENCIA HIGH SCHOOL

[www.vhstigers.org](http://www.vhstigers.org)

**Number of Students:** 2,695

**Grades:** 9-12

**Highlights:** Valencia High School was named a California Distinguished School in 1992. It was also a first-round recipient of a California Digital High School Grant in 1998, the State Block Grant in 2006, and the AT&T Grant in 2008. The California School Board Association (CSBA) awarded Valencia High School the Golden Bell award for our HOPE program. Valencia High School is recognized as an academic competition powerhouse with Orange County Division I Academic Decathlon championships, Chemistry Olympiad Team championships, and Science Olympiad Team among the top in the county.

**Foreign Languages:** Chinese, French, Japanese, and Spanish.

**Arts:** Art Fundamentals, Art Projects, Band, Ceramics, Chorus, Digital Photography, Drawing, Graphic Design, Jazz Ensemble, Percussion, Photography, Media Production, Orchestra, Stagecraft, Theater, Theater Production, Treble Choir, Vocal Jazz, Video Production, Wind Ensemble, and Yearbook.

**AP Courses:** Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Chinese, Computer Science Principles, Computer Science A, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, European History, French Language, Human Geography, Japanese, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Music Theory, Psychology, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Statistics, Studio Art, Studio Art 2D, and Studio Art 3D.

**Boys Sports:**

**Fall** – American Football, Cross Country, and Water Polo.

**Winter** – Basketball, Soccer, and Wrestling.

**Spring** – Baseball, Golf, Lacrosse, Tennis, Track, and Volleyball.

**Girls Sports:**

**Fall** – Cross Country, Golf, Swimming, Tennis, and Water Polo.

**Winter** – Basketball, Soccer, and Water Polo.

**Spring** – Golf, Lacrosse, Softball, and Track.

# YORBA LINDA HIGH SCHOOL

[www.ylhs.org](http://www.ylhs.org)

**Number of Students:** 1,802

**Grades:** 9-12

**Highlights:** YLHS is a California Distinguished School, Gold Ribbon School, and U.S. News and World Report Top High School. It achieved a 90% Advanced Placement pass rate and, based on state test scores, the school is ranked in the top 5 of over 70 public high schools academically in Orange County.

**Foreign Languages:** Chinese, French, German, and Spanish.

**Arts:** 3D Art & Design, Art Fundamentals, Animation Projects, Ceramics, Commercial Art, Drawing & Painting, Concert Percussion / Drumline, Guard/Winter Guard, Jazz Ensemble, Marching Band (Parade & Field), Photography, Symphonic Band, Video Productions, and Wind Ensemble.

**AP Courses:** 2Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Chinese Language, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, European History, French Language, German Language, Human Geography, Japanese Language, Macroeconomics, Physics, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, Studio Art, Studio Art 2-D, Studio Art 3D, US Government, and US History.

**Boys Sports:**

**Fall** – American Football, Cross Country, Tennis, and Water Polo.

**Winter** – Basketball, Soccer, and Wrestling.

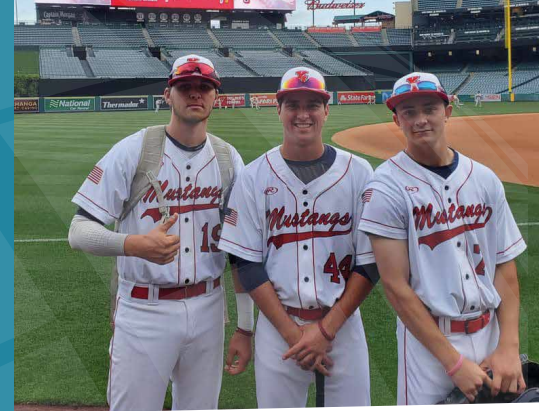
**Spring** – Baseball, Golf, Lacrosse, Tennis, Track, and Volleyball.

**Girls Sports:**

**Fall** – Cross Country, Tennis, and Volleyball.

**Winter** – Basketball, Soccer, and Water Polo.

**Spring** – Golf, Lacrosse, Tennis, and Track.



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