

OCDE Quick Facts

Divisions

- ACCESS and Connections
- Administrative Services
- Business Services
- Educational Services
- Governance, Leadership and Community Partnerships
- Information Technology
- Legal Services
- Student Services

OCDE Employees

Certificated	420
Classified	939
Total	1,359

Program Expenditures

Services to students	59%
Services to educators countywide	9%
Services to district business operations	25%
Orange County Dept. of Education support	7%

Vision

Orange County students will lead the nation in college and career readiness and success.

Mission

The mission of the Orange County Department of Education is to ensure all students are equipped with the competencies they need to thrive in the 21st century.

Values

OCDE is dedicated to the fundamental human values of respect, responsibility, integrity and professional ethics. Our priority is service to students, schools, districts, families and community members. We provide a safe, caring, courteous and professional environment that fosters collaborative work and individual development for our employees. We hold ourselves and each other accountable for the highest level of performance, efficiency, resource management and professionalism.

About OCDE

The Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) serves some of Orange County's most vulnerable student populations and provides support and mandated fiscal oversight to 28 school districts serving more than 600 schools and nearly 450,000 students.

In addition to providing direct instruction to students through its own alternative and special education programs, OCDE administers an array of programs and services that are critical to the operations of local school districts and community colleges, facilitating professional development, legal guidance, payroll, career and technical education support, high-speed internet access, Local Control and Accountability Plan assistance and approval, resources for families, and student enrichment.

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Deputy Superintendent of Operations

Renee Hendrick

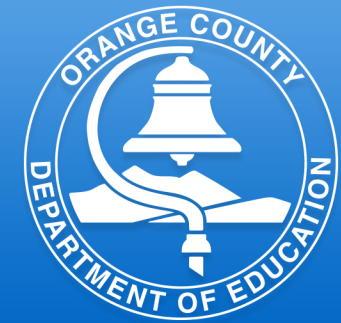
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Orange County Education AT A GLANCE

2025

Orange County Education by the numbers

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Unified	12
Elementary	13
High school	3
Total	28

SCHOOLS

Elementary	389
Junior high/intermediate/middle	85
Senior high	67
Continuation/alternative/special education	43
Charters	43
Total	627

STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

K-8 ⁴	286,888
9-12 ⁴	150,388
Total ⁴	437,276

K-12 PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Number of private schools	274
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Students in Private Schools

Kindergarten ⁵	4,606
Elementary (1-8) ⁵	29,126
High school ⁵	16,562
Total ⁵	50,294

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Number of community colleges	9
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Full-Time Equivalent Community College Students

Coast Community College District	25,258
North Orange County Community College District	29,199
Rancho Santiago Community College District	29,002
South Orange County Community College District	26,656
Total	110,115

Data for the county based on 2023-24 reports by districts, except where noted.

¹ Based on permanent employees 2024-25

² Based on full-time permanent employees

³ Based on Average Daily Attendance (ADA)

⁴ California Department of Education DataQuest

⁵ California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data (CALPADS)

K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Area covered by constituent districts	782 Sq. Miles
Certificated staff (teachers) ¹	21,239
Classified staff (FTE) ²	21,942
Total expenditures in all funds	\$10,336,028,209
Total expenditures for current cost of education	\$7,434,270,778
Average per-pupil expenditures	\$19,239

ANNUAL EDUCATION COST PER STUDENT

Elementary ³	\$19,674
High ³	\$18,904
Unified ³	\$19,186

RACIAL AND ETHNIC STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.19%	844
Asian	18.16%	79,407
Filipino	2.01%	8,807
Black/African American	1.33%	5,806
Hispanic or Latino	49.40%	216,028
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.30%	1,330
White	22.16%	96,905
Multiple response	5.12%	22,392
No response	1.32%	5,757

OTHER STUDENT FACTS

Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Meal Program ⁵	217,437
English Learner (EL) students ⁵	86,469
Students enrolled in special education ⁴	61,151
Students who are homeless (pre-K through grade 12) ⁴	30,309

OCDE STUDENT PROGRAMS

	Students Served	Sites
Alternative Payment Child Care Services	6,116	1
Central Orange County Career Technical Education Partnership	19,936	4
Community Home Education	334	2
Community Schools/Independent Study	1,525	20
Juvenile Court Schools	183	6
Inside the Outdoors/Field Programs	81,005	6
Connections (special education)	334	15
College and Career Preparatory Academy	156	5
Total	109,589	59

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