

OCDE Quick Facts

Divisions

Administrative Services
Business Services
Educational Services
Information Technology
Legal Services
Student Services and Programs (includes ACCESS)
Connections
Governance, Leadership and Community Partnerships

OCDE Employees

Certificated	410
Classified	929
Total	1,339

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 420,000 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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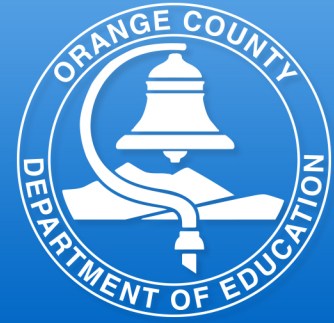
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Orange County Education
AT A GLANCE

2026

Orange County Education by the numbers

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Unified	12
Elementary	13
High school	3
Total	28

SCHOOLS

Elementary	389
Junior high/intermediate/middle	83
Senior high	67
Continuation/alternative/special education	45
Total	584

STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TK-8 ⁴	283,059
9-12 ⁴	146,810
Total ⁴	429,869

K-12 PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Number of private schools	282
Number of students ⁵	48,534

K-12 CHARTER SCHOOLS

Number of private schools	45
Number of students ⁵	25,995

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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

Coast Community College District	26,049
North Orange County Community College District	31,626
Rancho Santiago Community College District	31,020
South Orange County Community College District	29,807
Total	118,502

Data for the county based on 2024-25 reports by districts, except where noted.

¹ Based on permanent employees 2025-26

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	20,767
Classified staff (FTE) ²	24,717
Total expenditures in all funds	\$10,362,024,945
Total expenditures for current cost of education	\$7,607,128,932

ANNUAL EDUCATION COST PER STUDENT

Elementary ³	\$20,203
High ³	\$18,925
Unified ³	\$20,228
Average per-pupil expenditures ³	\$20,054

RACIAL AND ETHNIC STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

African American ⁴	1.31%	5,612
American Indian/Alaskan Native ⁴	0.20%	862
Asian ⁴	18.73%	80,519
Filipino ⁴	2.04%	8,767
Hispanic or Latino ⁴	48.93%	210,343
No response ⁴	1.22%	5,241
Pacific Islander ⁴	0.30%	1,307
Two or more races ⁴	5.28%	22,698
White ⁴	21.99%	94,520

OTHER STUDENT FACTS

Students from low-income households ⁵	227,610
English Learner (EL) students ⁵	77,765
Students enrolled in special education ⁴	61,404
Students who are unhoused ⁴	31,712
Students who are in Foster Youth	1,692

OCDE STUDENT PROGRAMS

	Students Served	Sites
Alternative Payment Child Care Services	7,217	1
Central Orange County Career Technical Education Partnership	22,255	4
Community Home Education	367	2
Community Schools/Independent Study	2,552	19
Juvenile Court Schools	810	5
Inside the Outdoors/Field Programs	111,447	6
Connections (special education)	335	15
College and Career Preparatory Academy	343	5
Total	145,326	57

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Strategic Plan for Educational Success through 2030

OCDE's work is guided by the 5-3-1 Strategic Plan. Five key initiatives drive efforts to expand career technical education, foster emotional intelligence, integrate AI responsibly, enhance school safety and promote innovation. Three district-support objectives strengthen leadership, literacy and specialized guidance. And one bold goal aims to transform outcomes for all students served directly by OCDE.

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