

The District has a stable student enrollment and is financially sound, enjoying a high level of community and parent confidence. Schools are an integral part of communities and family life. Safe school environments are the standard, and a culture of friendliness exists between staff and students.

School programs have a strong academic focus throughout a rigorous 4-year curriculum that includes emphasizing career paths for all students, programs for high-risk students, alternative education options for students with special needs, extensive Advanced Placement course offerings, strong extracurricular and cocurricular programs, and class size reduction staffing in the 9th grade English and math programs.

The District has developed staffing standards for its comprehensive high schools, including a student-counselor ratio of about 465:1 and a student-assistant principal ratio of about 630:1. Schools are provided Health Services, supported by a credentialed school nurse, including a health technician at each comprehensive site. Each school also has a Library Media Center staffed by credentialed personnel.



- ★ District Office
- 2 Independence HS; Independent Learning Center
- 3 Union Mine HS; Mountain View HS; Shenandoah HS
- 4 El Dorado HS; Vista HS
- 5 Ponderosa HS
- 6 Oak Ridge HS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board President	Timothy M. Cary
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Board Member	Mary T. Muse
Board Member	Kevin W. Brown
Board Member	Todd R. White

Board Meetings are held at the District Office Boardroom on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Trustees or by Board policy. Contact the District Superintendent's Office for confirmation of dates and locations, or log on to the District website. (*Adobe Reader may be required to print some documents.*)

SUPERINTENDENT'S CABINET

Superintendent	Christopher Hoffman
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Asst. Supt., Human Resources	Stevie Clark
Asst. Supt., Student Services	Steve Volmer
Director, Special Education/504	Karen Schrick
Director, Facilities	Patty McClellan

2011-12 STUDENT CALENDAR

AUGUST	JANUARY
8..... First day of school	2New Year's
29..... Early release day	3-6 Intersession
	6 Winter Recess Ends
SEPTEMBER	9 Early release day
5.....Labor Day	16 MLK, Jr., Day
26..... Early release day	
OCTOBER	FEBRUARY
7.....End 1st Quarter	6 Early release day
24.....Early Release Day	13Lincoln's Day
	20 Washington's Day
NOVEMBER	MARCH
11..... Veteran's Day	5 Early release day
14..... Early release day	16 End 3rd Quarter
21-23.....Vacation days	
24-25..... Thanksgiving	APRIL
DECEMBER	2-6 Spring Break
16.....End 1st Semester	16 Early release day
19..... Winter Recess begins	MAY
	25 Last Day of Classes
	29-30 Snow days

Note—For early release times, contact the individual school or refer to the *Student Handbook*.

COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOLS

EL DORADO HIGH SCHOOL* Matt Barnes, Principal 561 Canal Street Placerville, CA 95667 (530) 622-3634 http://cougar.eduhsd.k12.ca.us	PONDEROSA HIGH SCHOOL* Lisa Garrett, Principal 3661 Ponderosa Road Shingle Springs, CA 95682 (530) 677-2281 http://bruin.eduhsd.k12.ca.us
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OAK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL* Stephen Wehr, Principal 1120 Harvard Way El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 (916) 933-6980 or (530) 677-4402 http://orhs.eduhsd.k12.ca.us	UNION MINE HIGH SCHOOL* Tony DeVille, Principal 6530 Koki Lane El Dorado, CA 95623 (530) 621-4003 http://umhs.eduhsd.k12.ca.us
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*California Distinguished High School

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS

INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL* Debby Hanson, Principal 385 Pleasant Valley Road Diamond Springs, CA 95619 (530) 626-7090	VISTA HIGH SCHOOL Lara Clickner, Principal 561 Canal Street Placerville, CA 95667 (530) 622-3634, ext. 1014
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INDEPENDENT LEARNING CENTER Debby Hanson, Principal 385 Pleasant Valley Road Diamond Springs, CA 95619 (530) 626-7090	MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL Jennifer Myers, Principal 6530 Koki Lane El Dorado, CA 95623 (530) 621-4003, ext. 4111
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ADULT EDUCATION El Dorado County Office of Education 6767 Green Valley Road Placerville, CA 95667 (530) 295-2434	SHENANDOAH HIGH SCHOOL ** Debby Hanson, Principal 6540 Koki Lane El Dorado, CA 95623 (530) 622-6212
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*Model Continuation School

**California Certified Charter School

<http://www.eduhsd.net>
Link to Schools and Programs



STRENGTH THROUGH TEAMWORK



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Mission Statement . . .

The El Dorado Union High School District is committed to educating all students in a safe, supportive environment that will challenge students to pursue appropriate, rigorous paths for academic and career development and achievement which lead to lifelong learning and a productive adulthood.

The Community . . .

Located in the Sierra Nevada foothills between Sacramento and South Lake Tahoe, the District encompasses 1,250 square miles, including a large portion of El Dorado County's historic Gold Rush region. The area includes about 40 communities along U.S. Highway 50 corridor that span the county from Kyburz and Pollock Pines in the east to Latrobe and El Dorado Hills in the west. Both new and existing homes, many with acreage, provide a variety of housing options for District employees. Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy the abundance of outdoor recreational opportunities in the county—water and snow skiing, camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, mountaineering, gold panning, biking, sailing, rafting, and kayaking. Reno, the San Francisco Bay Area, the Sacramento River Delta, and Lake Tahoe are within a 100-mile radius of the District. El Dorado County is an experience worth living!

The District . . .

The District serves about 6,966 students in four comprehensive high schools, four alternative schools, a charter school, a regional occupational program (ROP), a community day school, a jail program, and a career technical education program, including a regional occupational program (ROP). CTE/ROP has expanded to more locations with a focus on career technical education programs that emphasize new and emerging occupations. A new 2,850 sq ft Culinary Arts Center is now part of the ROP curriculum. Our charter school offers a curriculum that integrates school-based learning with work-based experience in a “small learning environment,” educating one student at a time.

In June 2008, voters approved a \$66.3 million school bond to renovate and modernize educational facilities in the El Dorado Union High School District. Project specific information can be found on the District website.

Students enter the El Dorado Union High School District from 12 feeder elementary districts and are supported by approximately 300 certificated employees and 225 classified employees.

Recognizing the importance of staff development to quality education, the District strongly supports research-based professional growth activities, including staff development days, school site-based training programs, professional content area coaching, and a Peer Assistance Review program. In addition, the District has committed both staff and financial resources to support technology in the classroom and throughout the District.

Institutions of higher learning are within commuting distance of the District, including Los Rios Community College–El Dorado Center and Folsom Lake College, California State University at Sacramento, University of California at Davis, and University of the Pacific.

The District operates using a Strategic Plan adopted by the Board of Trustees. These goals guide the educational and budgeting processes for the District and have resulted in the following achievement highlights:

- All four of our comprehensive high schools have earned the distinction of *California Distinguished School*. This honor recognizes these schools for their superior standard of education. In 2008, one comprehensive high school also earned the national recognition as a *Blue Ribbon School*. Also, our charter school received the *California Schools Association Certified Charter School* recognition, and our alternative school received recognition as a *Model Continuation School*.

Academics . . .

- The **California Standards Test (CST)** measures student mastery of the state content standards. In 2010, performance improved in 8 testing areas and declined in 4 areas. The most improvement was seen at the 9th and 10th grades. District scores also well exceed state averages.
- In 2010, students districtwide were administered the **California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)**. Results indicated an overall sophomore pass rate of 92% in English/language arts and 95% in math, surpassing state averages of 80% and 81%, respectively.

The following table shows the **Academic Performance Index (API)** scores for 2010. The formula used to calculate the API comprises test results from the California Standards Test (80%) and the California High School Exit Exam (20%).

HIGH SCHOOL	1999 API	2009 API	2010 API	GROWTH 2009 TO 2010
El Dorado	717	794	799	5
Oak Ridge	760	866	869	3
Ponderosa	733	855	852	-3
Union Mine	–	805	824	19
Shenandoah	–	742	710	-32
Independence	–	689	582	-107
ILC	–	621	614	-7
District	736	824	828	4

- In comparing API rankings with districts in the state with 3 or more comprehensive high schools, the El Dorado Union High School District currently ranks 4th.

A record high 1,973 District students were administered the **Advanced Placement** exam in 2010. A total of 78% of those students earned college credit by achieving a passing score of 3 or better.

- The percentage of students in the Class of 2010 completing the **course work required to enter the University of California** rose to an all-time high of 49%, exceeding the District's 10-year average of 45.9%.
- A total of 41% of the Class of 2010 took the College Board **PSAT** and achieved an average score of 51.1 in math, 50.4 in critical reasoning, and 48.9 in writing, exceeding the state and national averages in all three subject areas: 46.5, 48, and 45.9, respectively.
- The Class of 2010 took the College Board **SAT** and exceeded both state and national averages in all three subject areas, as shown in the table below.

AVERAGE SCORES	DISTRICT	STATE	NATIONAL
Math	566	516	516
Critical Reading	545	501	501
Writing	530	500	492

- For grades 9–12, the District's **dropout rate** in 2008–09 school year was 1.1%, compared to the county rate of 2.9% and state rate of 4.5%. The District continues several strong dropout prevention and recovery programs for students.

The District provides a collaborative working environment involving, but not limited to, staffing, budgeting, program development, articulation with feeder elementary districts, and provides both productive and respected relations with its employees, the Board of Trustees, students, the community, the County Office of Education, and community colleges.

The District is highly communicative and interactive. It fosters independent leadership and values creative problem-solving. Interest-based problem solving is used as a model for resolving District issues. Staff districtwide engender a spirit of cooperation, exemplifying the District's motto,

Strength Through Teamwork!