Contributions such as monetary donations, school supplies, gift certificates and gift cards are greatly appreciated. To donate, please contact Bjorn Berg, Principal, at 408-928-9510 or at bergbj@esuhsd.org.

For the 2016-2017 school year, Independence High School continues to expand course offerings and increase the number of students who graduate college and career ready. Both new and continuing students will experience a positive, safe learning environment with many forms of academic support during and after the normal school day. The size and location of our campus enables Independence to have a greater number and variety of academic and extracurricular activities than any other school in our area.

We highly value parent participation and have a full-time Parent Involvement Specialist who facilitates active engagement in student education through several avenues. IHS continues to expand our course offerings, including the addition of several advanced placement classes. Our students become part of the IHS community and go on to do great things.

- Students are encouraged to prepare for college through rigorous coursework. We offer 23 different courses at the Advanced Placement level including Calculus, German, Computer Science, Psychology, and Human Geography.
- Students are invited to tap into their creative side through theater, music, dance, and crafts. We frequently have performers and speakers that demonstrate real-world application of an understanding of the arts.
- AVID: Advancement Via Individual prepares students for college readiness. Curriculum taught in elective classes is driven by the standards within core classes and the skills necessary to be successful in college.

**Key Programs and Magnets:** Academy components include rigorous academics and career technical education, with a career focus, a committed team of teachers, and active business and post-secondary partnerships.

**STEAM:** The Space Technology Engineering Academy Magnet is a nationally recognized pre-engineering and design program. Students explore engineering, space, architecture, computer graphics, programming and other design careers before going to college.

**Finance Academy:** This academy provides students an opportunity to experience the world of business and finance. Students explore a range of topics, including creating a business, international trade, and global economic issues.

**Teaching Academy:** For students interested in a career in teaching or public service, the Teaching Academy students work with local elementary and middle schools, teaching and working with at-risk students.