

## News Release

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# Independence High School Wins Golden Bell Award

The Space, Science & Technology Magnet Program at Independence High School was selected to receive a Golden Bell Award by the California School Boards Association (CSBA).

The CSBA Golden Bell Awards Program promotes excellence in education by recognizing outstanding programs in school districts and county offices of education throughout California. Although many programs are considered, only the best are selected for this prestigious award. The goal of the awards program is to contribute to the development and evaluation of curriculum, instruction and support services.

The Space, Science & Technology Magnet Program integrates mathematics, science and technology classes and emphasizes team and project work. Students learn how to collect and analyze data and conduct research using technology, computer systems, laser video discs, electronics databases and CD Roms. The Program prepares students for careers such as astronauts, engineers, research scientists, business and industrial professionals.

The school will receive the highly respected Golden Bell Award at a special ceremony in December. The event is held in conjunction with the CSBA Annual Education Conference.

East Side Union High School District **Superintendent Esperanza Zendejas, Ed.D.** commended the Independence staff and leadership especially the Space, Science & Technology Magnet Program Coordinator **Nancy Lorenzen** and the program's outstanding teachers. "We're extremely proud of this magnet. The staff constantly looks for ways to innovatively meet the needs of our students. This is a well deserved tribute to the outstanding efforts of all East Side Union High School employees involved," said **Superintendent Zendejas**.



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