

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ELK GROVE UNIFIED PLACES GOLDEN STATE SEAL OF OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT ON THE DIPLOMAS OF 1,759 GRADUATING SENIORS

The 2021 Golden State Seal (GSS) Merit Diploma is Awarded to Graduating Students Who Perform on a High Academic Scale Based on Grades and Various Assessments

ELK GROVE, Calif. – May 18, 2021 – The Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) hand-prepared 1,759 Class of 2021 EGUSD graduate diplomas by placing the well-earned Golden State Seal Merit on the front of each diploma. This unique gold-embossed insignia goes to more than one-third of the District’s senior class.

Students earning the Golden State Seal of Merit will receive special recognition in the form of this official insignia on their high school diplomas and on their transcripts. In addition, each student will receive a certificate of recognition personally signed by the Superintendent and a letter from the Superintendent congratulating them on their accomplishment.

Issued by the California Department of Education each spring, the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma was established in 1997 to provide recognition to public school graduates who have demonstrated a superior level of performance in English, mathematics, science, and U.S. History on Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments, course grades, and/or results from assessments produced by private providers.

[2021 Golden State Seal Merit Diploma Recipients](#)

Note: Thirty-one students opted not to disclose their names publicly.

About the Elk Grove Unified School District

The [Elk Grove Unified School District](#) (EGUSD) is the fifth-largest school district in California located in southern Sacramento County. EGUSD covers 320 square miles and includes 67 schools: 42 elementary schools, nine middle schools, nine high schools, five alternative education schools, an adult school, one charter school and a virtual academy. Offering a multitude of educational programs, including over 70 career-themed academies and pathways within 15 industry sectors, we prepare our students for college and career by supporting them with the means to be creative problem solvers; self-aware, self-reliant, and self-disciplined; technically literate; effective communicators and collaborators; and engaged in the community as individuals with integrity. We integrate rigorous academics with career-based learning and real world workplace experiences and ensure that *Every Student is Learning, in Every Classroom, in Every Subject, Every Day to Prepare College, Career and Life Ready Graduates.*

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