



## CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS TO WATCH

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### TUFFREE MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### Designated 2022

Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School District  
Orange County  
Cindy Freeman, Principal  
2151 North Kraemer Blvd. Placentia, CA 92870  
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#### SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

Enrollment: 670. Grade Levels: 7-8.

#### STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

African American 2%, Asian 11%, White 33%, Hispanic 49%, Other 5%

#### FIVE BEST REPLICABLE PRACTICES

- **Positive Behavior Interventions and Support:** Positive incentives and activities
- **SOAR Period:** Lessons with teacher/student and peer/peer bonding
- **Peer Mentoring:** Every 7th-grader is in a small group with older students and leaders
- **Gear Up:** Elective class for at-potential students with SEL, academics, counseling
- **Wellness Room:** A safe, relaxed space for counseling, art, meditation, and yoga