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## **El Modena Marching Band and Color Guard Take First Place**

ORANGE, Calif., October 22, 2010— El Modena High School’s Band and Color Guard won First Place at Ayala Field Tournament in Chino Hills this past Saturday. This was the first competition of the current marching competition season and the first time the group competed in their new AA class. The larger size of the band and guard has put the group in a new class this year. Previously, the group was competing in the Single-A class.

El Modena won the Caption (specialty) categories of High Auxiliary (color guard), High Visual, High Music, and High General Effect. The Percussion also came in second place in their division. These wins were over six other bands in the AA class.

Randy Ames, El Modena Director of Bands, was pleased with the results considering his band consists of 27 new members. He added that there is more to performing in a marching band than playing music, “Being in a marching band is physically and mentally demanding. It is much like being in a sport which involves strenuous physical activity. The mind is also actively engaged in making the proper movements and playing the instrument as well.”

Their next competition is at Riverside Community College on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Schools from all over Southern California from Thousand Oaks to San Diego and to Palm Springs will be participating. This competition will have a larger field of class AA entrants as El Modena will compete against ten other bands.

*The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, CA*

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