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CLASSROOM INSIGHT










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Our 7th grade science students took their learning to the next level! Students got a hands-on look at anatomy and biology as they dissected rats and frogs, exploring the structures, functions, and systems of living organisms. This hands-on experience gave students the opportunity to connect what they've learned in the classroom to real-world science! 🐸🔬

SEMESTER EXAMS

Semester Exam Week: December 14-18

	Monday, December 14	Tuesday, December 15	Wednesday, December 16	Thursday & Friday December 17 & 18
8:00am - 9:40am	1st Period Exam	4th Period Exam	7th Period Exam	Make Up Exams Regular Bell Schedule
9:43am - 11:26am	2nd Period Exam	6th Period Exam	8th Period Exam	Make Up Exams Regular Bell Schedule

Exemption Policy

- Students with an "A" average (90% or higher) and 10 or fewer unexcused absences for the semester in a class are exempt from taking the exam. Students with a "B" average (80% or higher) and 5 or less unexcused absences are exempt from the final exam.
- Semester exams exemptions will be communicated to students/parents on Wednesday, December 11th.
- Students will earn an "M" if they fail to take the exam which counts as a 0% if not taken.

Campus Access & Student Check In/Out

Students need to attend school for the purpose of taking their final exams. They may arrive late or leave early depending on exam exemptions. It is the student's responsibility to arrive on time for the exams they are required to take. If the student arrives for the exam period, they are required to stay in class for the duration of the period (whether or not they are exempt from the exam.) You may check out your child through our normal early check out procedure. If you would like to make your child a walker during finals week, please fill out the following link: Walker.



Walker Form

LOANER LAPTOP UPDATE

We have recently become aware that some students who have received a loaner laptop from eStem Junior High are experiencing issues logging in to their devices at home.

We recognize that many families have already completed the required forms to receive a loaner laptop. However, after becoming aware of these login issues, we temporarily paused the distribution of additional laptops while our IT department worked to identify and resolve the problem.

For families who have already received a loaner laptop: If your student is experiencing login issues at home, please have them return the device to the school so our IT department can service it. Once the laptops have been serviced, we will work to get them returned to students as quickly as possible.

For families who have not yet completed the required forms: If you would like to request a loaner laptop for your student, please complete the following forms:

- **Student Handbook Acknowledgement**
- **Digital Equity Form**
- **Meal Application**

Please note that completing these forms does not guarantee immediate laptop distribution. We will resume distributing laptops as soon as we are able to do so.

We apologize for any inconvenience these technical issues may cause and appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to resolve them.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation!

SCHOOL LETTER GRADE



We are incredibly proud to share that we have received our letter grade for the 2025-2026 school year, and we maintained our B!
eStem Junior High is also currently in the Top 5% for growth among middle schools in the state of Arkansas!

eStem Junior High was also recognized as an Arkansas Gem School for growth on the 2025-2026 ATLAS Exam.

CLOSE UP

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we head into fall break, this is the perfect time for students to get a head start on fundraising for their D.C. Trip deposit! Starting early can help make reaching their fundraising goals more manageable and give students plenty of time to explore different ways to raise money.

Students can use fall break to try a variety of fundraising ideas, such as:

- Asking family and friends for support
- Offering to complete chores or small jobs for neighbors
- Organizing a yard sale or selling items they no longer need
- Sharing their fundraising efforts on social media
- Reaching out to local businesses, family members, or community members for donations or sponsorships

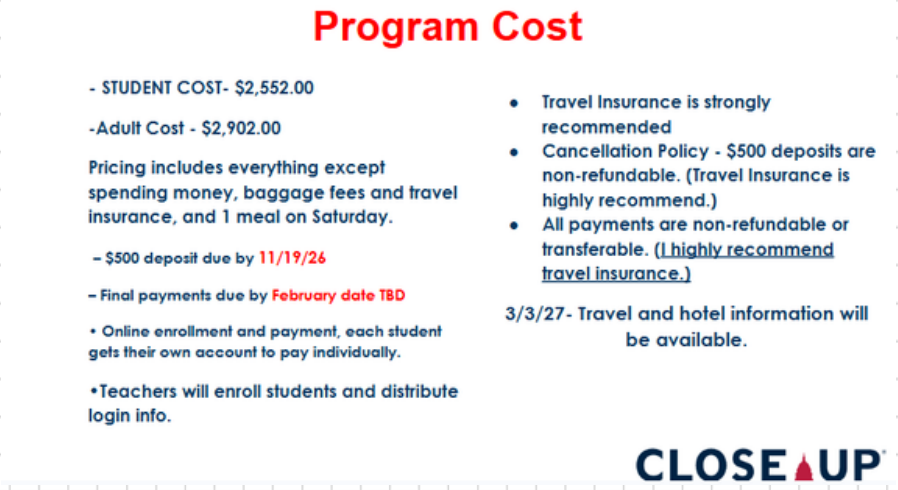
Students should also be sure to take advantage of their Close-Up login portal. The portal includes editable fundraising materials, including sample letters and a Facebook fundraising campaign, that students can personalize and share with their family, friends, and community.

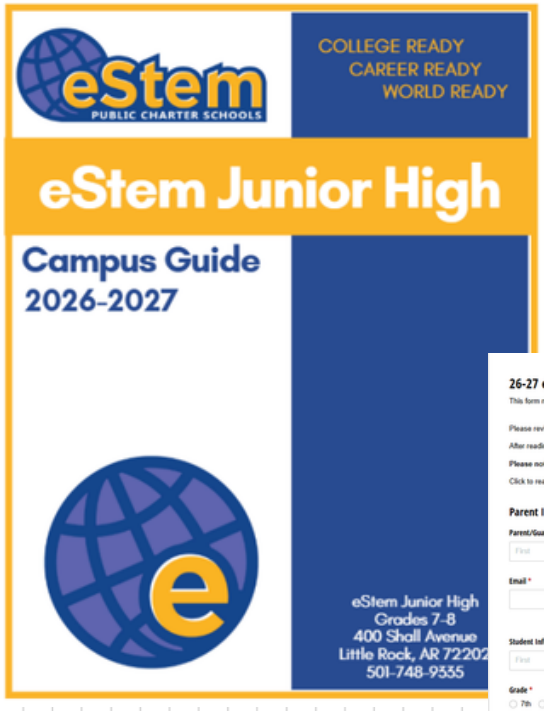
Every contribution and fundraising effort brings students one step closer to making this exciting trip a reality. Thank you for supporting your students and encouraging them to take an active role in reaching their fundraising goals!

If you have any questions or concerns over fall break, please feel free to contact me at breanna.walter@estemschools.org. If you would like to register your student there is still time, register before November 11th!

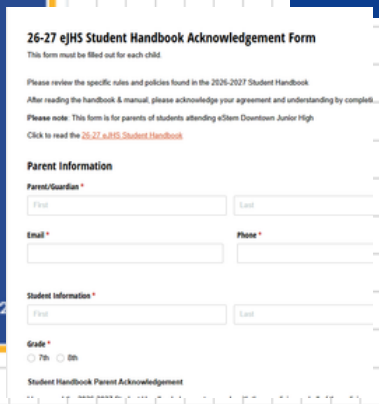
Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable fall break!

Best,
Mrs. Walter





STUDENT HANDBOOK


26-27 eJHS Student Handbook Acknowledgement Form

This form must be filled out for each child.

Please review the specific rules and policies found in the 2026-2027 Student Handbook

After reading the handbook & manual, please acknowledge your agreement and understanding by completi...

Please note: This form is for parents of students attending eStem Downtown Junior High

Click to read the 26-27 eJHS Student Handbook

Parent Information

Parent/Guardian *

First Last

Email * Phone *

Student Information *

First Last

Grade *

7th 8th

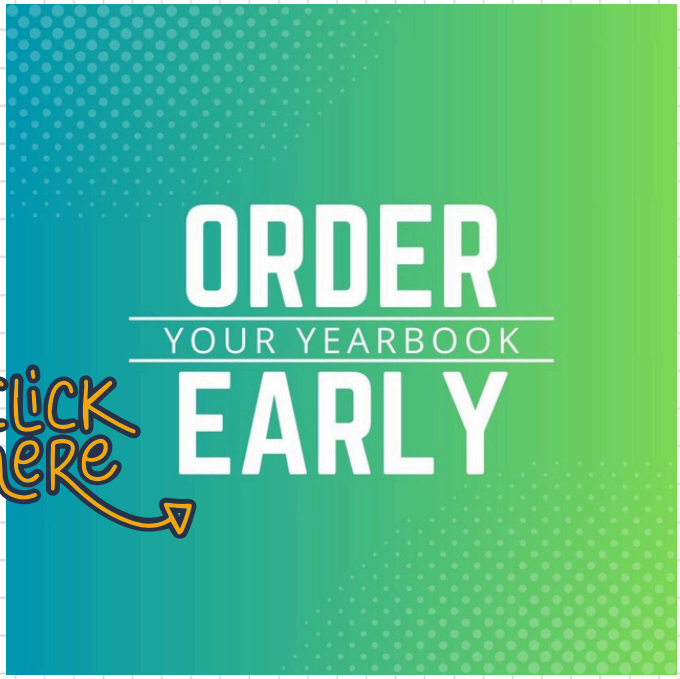
Student Handbook Parent Acknowledgement

Please make sure you have read the Student Handbook and have submitted the Acknowledgement Form as soon as possible.

Click HERE to read the Student Handbook.

Click HERE to submit the Acknowledgement Form.

EJH EARLY YEARBOOK SALE



DON'T MISS THE MOMENTS — ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK EARLY!

click here **Early Yearbook Price: $35**

The 2026–2027 eSTEM Junior High Yearbook is officially on sale! From the first day to the last bell, we're capturing the memories, friendships, celebrations, and unforgettable moments that make this school year one to remember.

Order early and check one more thing off your list! Don't wait until the end of the year to decide you want the memories, secure your copy now.

Buy yours today and make sure you're part of the story!

CARE SOLACE

Dear students and families,

When you or a family member needs help, it's hard to know where to turn. In an effort to ease the burden of finding the mental health and substance use services you need, we have partnered with Care Solace, your central hub of care.

With a network of over 700,000 providers and services, Care Solace will help you find the right help at the right time, 24/7/365, at no cost to you. They will connect you with providers accepting all medical insurances, including Medicaid, Medicare, and sliding scale options for those without insurance.

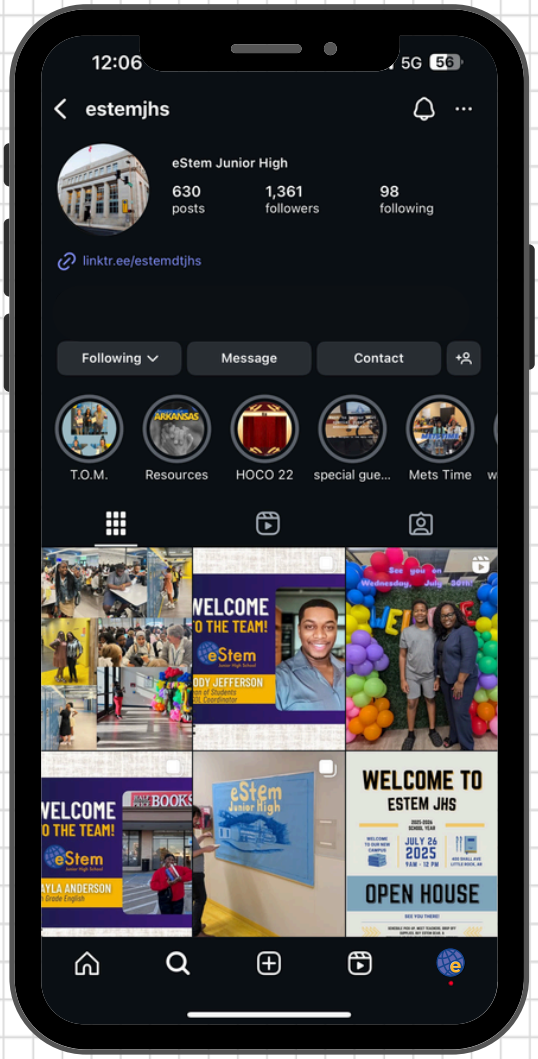
You can access Care Solace services in three ways:

- Call 888-515-0595 at any time. Multilingual support is available 24/7/365. A dedicated Care Companion will help you every step of the way to research options, secure appointments, and follow up to make sure it is a good fit.
- Search anonymously to get matched with an extensive list of care providers at caresolace.com/**epcs**
- Contact your school health professional, and they will submit a referral on your behalf.

Scan to save Care Solace's number

No matter what you're experiencing, **there is hope and help**. We are confident that our new partnership with Care Solace will help us build a healthier, more vibrant school community.

If you have a life-threatening emergency, please call 9-1-1 or The Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 9-8-8. Care Solace is not an emergency response service or mental health services provider.



Stay informed on all school activities by following us on Instagram!

@estemjhs

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Bell Schedule
- Dress code
- School Calendar
- 26-27 Dismissal Form
- To update your contact information, i.e. home address, phone number, email address, please email rebecca.roseberry@estemschools.org
- To report your child's absence, please email jhsattendance@estemschools.org
- If you are needing your HAC (Home Access Center) information, please complete the Parent HAC Password Reset
- ***All proceeds from fundraising throughout the school year go directly toward supporting our students and staff through incentives, celebrations, and special activities hosted throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support in helping us create meaningful and memorable experiences for our eJH community!***

STUDENT ID BADGES

ALL returning eJH 8th Grade Students have received their Student IDs.
7th Grade Students will receive their IDs on Monday, August 24th.
Please ensure that your student brings their ID with a lanyard each day. The expectation is that students wear their IDs around their necks every day while on campus. The cost to replace a lost Student ID is $11 via MySchoolBucks.
Your support in reminding them to bring their ID daily is greatly appreciated!



Hall Sweeps

Students have three minutes to transition to each class, and we want to help our students understand the importance of punctuality. When we conduct hall sweeps, students are made aware well in advance to make sure to be on time to avoid an automatic detention. Should your student experience an issue during a certain transition, please email Cody.Jefferson@estemschools.org about that particular transition time.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

November

1: Daylight Savings Time Ends

6: Picture Day Make-Up

10: Early Dismissal for Students

11: Veterans Day

13: Glow Party

20: Club Day

23-27: Thanksgiving Break
NO SCHOOL













WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

The Week of November 23-27

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		THANKSGIVING BREAK		
		ALL ESTEM CAMPUSES CLOSED		

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

If your child has any cold or flu-like symptoms, please keep them home.

Your student may return to school when they are symptom free without medicine for 24 hours or as directed by your physician. Please consider contacting your child's doctor, and please share any test results and doctor's notes with the school nurse at Krista.Duncan@estemschools.org

Please call or email with any concerns or questions.
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