

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **How will I know if my student is offered a seat?**

You will receive an email via your Family Dashboard of any status updates to your student's application. You may log in at any time to see their most up to date status. Edgewood will send out an email to parents via the email listed on their application notifying them of a seat offer and the deadline to accept.

## **If my student is not offered a seat in the lottery, what happens?**

Students not selected in the lottery are put onto a waitlist. We will start to call students off the waitlist during the summer after school lets out. You can check your student's number at any time to see the most up to date information. Emails will be sent out to families when seat offers are made.

## **What will my daily schedule be?**

School is in session from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Thursday and 8:30 AM to 2:20 PM on Fridays. You will have 7 subject teachers daily and a Homeroom teacher on Fridays.

## **What is the curriculum like at Edgewood?**

Edgewood encompasses an accelerated and rigorous learning environment, which prepares students for college level studies. The Diploma of Distinction our students are working towards requires additional high school credits, three consecutive years of a world language, leadership experience, accelerated study in middle and high school, completion of a senior project, proficient scores on all state assessments, no F's on transcript and 100 hours of service learning.

## **What is Power Hour?**

Students can use their hour-long lunch time to attend club meetings, visit a classroom for tutoring with a teacher or other students, study in the Media Center, see their counselor with questions or any other activities offered..

## **Is transportation provided?**

As a School of Choice, Edgewood does not provide transportation for students. It is the parents' responsibility to provide transportation to and from school every day. Some parents use the Edgewood parent Facebook page to coordinate carpooling, Edgewood does not facilitate this.

## **How many hours of community service are required?**

Part of your commitment to being an Edgewood student is your commitment to Service Learning through completing community service. Middle School students will complete 25 hours per year. High School students will need a total of 100 hours of work experience, service learning, or a combination of the two during their high school career.

## **How many volunteer hours are expected of parents?**

Each family is responsible for 20 hours in total each school year. Parent hours can be earned submitting Box Tops, attending games or events, PTO and SAC meetings as well as assisting with different activities during the year.

## **How are current parents and students notified of upcoming need to know dates?**

Parents are encouraged to read the Monday Report sent out every week. This will have any deadlines and/or events you will need. Make sure your phone number and email are up to date in FOCUS so you don't miss anything. Students should check their Google classroom as well as their school email regularly.

If your student is interested in sports, use the QR code to view all our current athletic offerings and information.



Edgewood has clubs available for all types of interests. Students can also start their own club with the help of a sponsor. View the most current list using this QR code.



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## **When will I complete registration and course selection?**

Edgewood holds mandatory orientation meetings in March for all families who are offered a conditional seat. Dates and times will be emailed to families once available. All registration information and course selection documents will be handed out at that time.

## **When does my middle school student need to complete Algebra 1?**

If a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student would like to take Algebra 1, Edgewood will host a prognosis to verify the student is prepared to excel in that course. You may select this option during course selection, times and dates will be sent to families when available. If your student does not take Algebra 1 in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, they must take it in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **How do I know which courses to choose for my incoming student?**

If you have questions regarding the course specifications of a class offered at Edgewood, please see our Curriculum Guide posted on our website. If you are wondering if your student is academically prepared for a certain course, we suggest speaking with their current counselor as they know where your student currently stands.

## **What happens if my student does not meet the minimum admission requirements and/or we missed deadlines?**

There is an appeal process in place, which is completed through the district, for families who believe they have experienced a hardship that caused their application to be denied.

## **If I have more than one student on the waitlist and one is offered a seat will the other be offered as well?**

Family preference will be applied to students who both apply during the lottery window. Siblings who apply during the waitlist window will not be granted this preference. If family preference is granted, the student will move up on the waitlist but is only offered a seat if room is available.

## **When do I receive my locker?**

Lockers will be selected at Welcome to the Pack for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders. All other grades are chosen during the first two weeks of school. Combination locks can be purchased during registration. The student is not allowed to bring a lock from another source.

## **What do I need for gym?**

Gym uniforms (t-shirt & shorts) may be purchased at registration. Middle school students will have gym every day as part of his/her schedule. Lockers are distributed by the gym teachers the first two weeks of school. A rental fee will be paid at registration for locks.

## **What do I purchase for supplies for the school year?**

Please bring paper, pencil, and a pen the first day of school. Each teacher has his/her own supply list for the class. These are posted in the Monday Report sent weekly to parents as well as teachers classroom doors.

## **Where do I pick up and drop off my student?**

The Merritt Avenue lot, track and student parking lots are all open during pick up and drop off. Times and maps are handed out at registration.

## **Will my student receive a computer?**

Edgewood signs out a laptop for each student at the beginning of the school year. Parents must sign a form which they must choose whether they would like their student to take that laptop home everyday or if the student must leave the laptop at school each night. Parent and student are responsible for any and all damage that occurs while the laptop is assigned to them.

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## Incoming and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

New students to Brevard Public Schools are required to have a current physical and completed immunizations. School physical exams may be obtained by your physician or a walk-in clinic.

All 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to have TDAP Booster. This vaccine is free at your local Brevard County Health Department, or you can obtain them from your physician.

BPS does *not* allow students that do not have all their immunizations/physicals to complete registration process in August. Failure to submit proof may delay your student from being able to pick up their schedule during fall registration August, 2024.

## Home School and Private School Students

All grade levels must attain a minimum 45<sup>th</sup> percentile score in each area on a National Norm-Referenced Student Achievement Test. Some private schools will administer this at their school; however, you can also contact your zoned school and request your student to take the FAST or other EOC tests during their administration dates. *Some examples of a National Norm-Referenced Test are the Stanford Achievement (Stanford 10), IOWA Assessment (ITBS) and TerraNova.*

Once school ends for 2023-24 all students must submit a copy of their academic records whether in private or home school. This should include final grades for all core subject areas as well as any elective classes taken. Failure to provide a copy of the student's academic record will either delay or deny your acceptance.

## Seat Offers are Conditional

Please note that all seat offers are conditional. Final acceptance in Edgewood is based on the criteria set forth in the Minimum Admission Requirements to include a review of student records, information provided on the application, 2023-24 final grades, standardized assessment scores and completion of the registration process by given deadlines.

## Siblings of Currently Enrolled Edgewood Students

Sibling preference can only apply when you submit your incoming student's application before December 6<sup>th</sup> 2023, (cannot apply during the waitlist application period). This preference is available in order to ease the hardship of families having students attending separate schools. If your current Edgewood student withdraws before the end of the 2024-25 school year, your incoming student will move back to their original Lottery number without sibling preference and possibly be asked to return to their zoned school.