

EDGEWOOD Jr/Sr High School

**A Public School of Choice
Brevard County Public School**



General Policies and Admission Procedures

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Admission: Policies and Procedures

Enrollment in Edgewood School of Choice is based on student and parent choice. Edgewood's attendance area includes all of the areas now designated for Merritt Island High, Cocoa High, Rockledge High, Space Coast Jr/Sr High, Cocoa Beach Jr/Sr High, Titusville High, Viera High and Astronaut High. Students from any of these central and north Brevard areas may apply to attend Edgewood School of Choice. As a school of choice it is expected that parents and students will support Edgewood's mission statement, vision, beliefs, objectives, policies, and procedures. The policies and procedures for admission to Edgewood are outlined below:

Application Process

- ◆ Admission begins with the completion of an official application form available November 1st prior to the year of enrollment. This may be submitted to the front office at Edgewood by mail or in person.
- ◆ Approved applications shall be accepted within a prescribed time period. All applications received within this time frame will be treated equally.
- ◆ Applications for admission received after the application deadline will be assigned a number and added to the waiting list for the appropriate grade level.
- ◆ Applications for admission remain valid during the current school year only.
- ◆ Students not selected for admission may reapply the following school year.
- ◆ Inaccurate or incomplete information on the application form may result in the student's application being withdrawn from consideration.
- ◆ Application will be screened for completion and "on grade level" at the end of the school year.
- ◆ Students in 9 – 12 grades who apply must provide a copy of a recent transcript.

Sibling Preference

- ◆ Qualified siblings of students currently attending the School of Choice and residing in the same household will be offered admission without going through the lottery process provided the student is on grade level and their applications are received and accepted prior to the published deadline and space is available for the appropriate grade level.
- ◆ The sibling currently attending Edgewood must attend Edgewood the next school year.
- ◆ Sibling applications received after the application deadline will receive no preference for admission. Those applications will be treated the same as any other late applicants.

Lottery Process

- ◆ A lottery will be held in February each school year to fill those vacancies that remain after sibling preference is given.
- ◆ Parents will be notified in writing when students have been selected through the lottery and approved for admission.
- ◆ Applications are assigned a number when the application is submitted. A lottery process will select students.
- ◆ A committee of School Advisory Council members will conduct the lottery to ensure fairness.
- ◆ Enrollment at Edgewood will be contingent upon Spring FCAT scores and final grades.

Waiting List

- ◆ A waiting list will be maintained for each grade level if applications exceed available space.
- ◆ Late applications will be processed on an as needed basis and then added to the bottom of the appropriate grade level waiting list.
- ◆ All vacancies for the current school year will be filled from the waiting list.
- ◆ The waiting list does not carry forward to the following school year.
- ◆ Total school population and seat availability will factor into student enrollment.

Hardship Appeals

- ◆ Hardship situations will be handled on an individual basis. The hardship must be in writing and addressed to the school principal. The hardship situation will be forwarded to the district Director of the Office of Choice and reviewed by the review committee. The Office of School of Choice will meet three times each year to review appeals – May, July and December.

General Policies

- ◆ Students maintaining continuous enrollment at Edgewood need not reapply at the end of the school year. Students may return to Edgewood as long as they have met academic promotional requirement to remain on grade level and other contracted agreements.
- ◆ Qualified siblings of enrolled students registered for the following year, and qualified children of Edgewood employees will be exempt from the lottery process provided they meet admission criteria and application deadline. Preference to Edgewood employees' students will be valid as long as the employee works at the school in the first year of their student's enrollment.
- ◆ Students must be on academic grade level to be considered for enrollment for the appropriate grade. "On-grade level" is defined as not having been administratively placed in lieu of promotion or not having been retained in prior years of schooling. Consideration will be given for a student who may have been retained in the primary elementary grades and has since demonstrated grade level skills as documented by achievement test scores and school transcript/report card.
- ◆ On grade level is also defined as "maintaining FCAT Reading and Math Scores at Level III and above, and maintain a C's or better in each core class.
- ◆ Application dates will be November 1st through the first Friday in February.
- ◆ A student who has elected to withdraw and wishes to return to Edgewood at a later time must reapply as a new student and be added to the bottom of the waiting list for that grade level. Sibling preference will not be considered. Total enrollment and seat availability will be the deciding factors for re-enrollment.

Pre-Registration

- ◆ Each accepted student and their parent/guardian are expected to attend a registration meeting at Edgewood prior to enrollment.
- ◆ The Edgewood Parent-Student Contract must be signed and endorsed by each parent/guardian and student prior to enrollment.
- ◆ A pre-registration packet will be distributed at the registration meeting so that the District Registration form, the Course Selection information and the Request for Records card can be completed.
- ◆ Parents of returning students must complete a pre-registration packet each school year by the required deadline.
- ◆ Failure to complete the pre-registration may result in the student's application being withdrawn.

Information Meetings and Tours of Edgewood

- ◆ Informational meetings will be set up November - January for parents and students interested in enrollment information for the following year. Notices of these meetings will be sent to all district elementary schools as well as announced through appropriate media services. These meetings will be held before the application due date.
- ◆ In January of each school year, there will be an opportunity for interested parents and students to take a tour of the school. These tours will be scheduled during a one-week period prior to the due date for applications.

HIGHLIGHTS OF EDGEWOOD

- Open enrollment school of choice – Accelerated Academic College Prep Program
- Maximum enrollment for grades 7-12 of 950 students
- School transportation provided using "Corridor" concept with designated pickup points throughout the central and north areas of the District
- Opportunities for acceleration through dual enrollment, AP courses, and the 7-12 grade configuration
- Commitment to success for every student
- Well qualified faculty and staff
- Increased graduation requirements with Diploma of Distinction
- Extracurricular activities and athletics
- Supportive relationships between students, faculty, parents, and staff
- Development of character, responsibility and leadership
- Advocate/mentor/advisor for every student
- Required service learning component/student volunteerism and family volunteerism
- Fostering a safe, secure environment
- Florida Virtual School
- National Blue Ribbon School
- National Accredited Senior Project School
- 100% graduation rate
- All advanced and honors classes

DIPOLMA OF DISTINCTION

Students must accomplish the following:

- ✓ Demonstrate mastery of basic skills as determined by FCAT testing
- ✓ Complete three accelerations:
 - One high school course in 7th or 8th grade
 - Two college courses through Dual Enrollment or AP classes
- ✓ 25 hours service learning each year
- ✓ Completion of all components of Senior Project
- ✓ Leadership experience
- ✓ Maintain a competitive post secondary portfolio that includes career and personal goals
- ✓ Eligibility for at least 1 post secondary scholarship
- ✓ Three credits must be in consecutive years of the same World Language
- ✓ Four credits in Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies
- ✓ 28 credits
- ✓ Complete Advanced/Honors level courses in core subject areas

PARENT AND STUDENT CONTRACT

All students are expected to:

- ✓ Attend school regularly with no unexcused absences and avoid excessive tardies
- ✓ Arrive on time, ready to learn with all necessary supplies
- ✓ Contribute to a safe, respectful and orderly school environment by following the Code of Student Conduct
- ✓ Adhere to the school dress code
- ✓ Complete service learning (25 hours per year)
- ✓ Fulfill the graduation requirements for Diploma of Distinction
- ✓ Maintain a competitive college admissions portfolio
- ✓ Complete a senior project

All parents and guardians are required to:

- ✓ Support their students in meeting the above requirements
- ✓ Provide a service to our school (20 hours per year per family)

Each student and his/her parent who chooses to attend this school is accepting personal responsibility to adhere to all school guidelines and meet expectations as listed above. **Edgewood Junior/Senior High School**, comprised of students who volunteer to attend, maintains high expectations for individual effort and student behavior. Signature by both student and parent acknowledges commitment to the above expectations. Failure to meet expectations may result in withdrawal from Edgewood.

SCHOOL VISION

To provide a positive and safe environment for all students with a challenging curriculum, with high expectations for student achievement, and with emphasis on critical thinking skills, problem solving, a sound knowledge base, and lifelong learning skills.

SCHOOL MISSION

**Where Seeking Excellence is Not Just a Slogan,
But a Way of Life.**

Visit our Web Sites:

www.edgewood.brevardschools.org
www.edline.net/pages/Edgewood_JSH