

***EDGEWOOD
JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL
A PUBLIC SCHOOL OF CHOICE***

*Where Seeking Excellence Is Not Just a Slogan,
But A Way of Life*



***Most Commonly Asked
Questions and Answers***

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EDGEWOOD SCHOOL OF CHOICE: **COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

1. What are the major characteristics of our “School of Choice”?

Characteristics include the following:

- A. Our school of choice is a 7 -12 grade program with opportunities for acceleration featuring increased requirements and expectations.
- B. Students at our school may earn a “Diploma of Distinction” by earning 28 credits instead of the 26 required for a regular high school diploma. The additional credits include: one additional math credit, one additional science credit, one additional social studies credit. In addition, students must complete three foreign language credits of the same language.

Other added requirements are:

- 1. Leadership experience
 - 2. Service Learning (25 hrs per yr.)
 - 3. Accelerated study at least once in middle school and twice in high school.
 - 4. Eligibility for at least one post secondary scholarship
 - 5. Maintain a competitive post secondary portfolio that includes career and personal goals
 - 6. Successful completion of a senior project
 - 7. Three years in successive World Languages
 - 8. Four credits in Language Arts/Math/Science/Social Studies
- C. Our school provides a safe, relatively discipline-free environment using a parent/student contract, a “Student Code of Honor”, strong emphasis on character development, strong emphasis on academic integrity and firm but fair behavioral policies and procedures.
 - D. Successful students at our school are those who are able to work on or above grade level because of the increased academic requirements and expectations. We define “on grade level” as a student who has not been previously retained nor had promotion requirements waived because of low grades and the student scores at level 3 or above on FCAT reading and math or has an equivalent score on an appropriate norm referenced test. Students are expected to maintain a C or better average in all core subjects. Special consideration may be given in cases where the retention or waiver of promotion requirements was in grades Kindergarten through third.
 - E. Our school has an open enrollment system where a lottery is used to select qualified students who applied when applications exceed available space. Since this is a school of choice, students are not confined to the traditional attendance boundaries of specific schools. Students will come from a broad attendance area that includes most of central and north Brevard County. Students in the traditional feeder chains of Merritt Island High, Cocoa High, Viera High, Rockledge High, Cocoa Beach Jr/Sr High, Titusville High, Astronaut High, and Space Coast Jr/Sr High will be eligible to apply for the Edgewood School of Choice. Students attend our school because they have chosen this particular school and the programs and requirements that go with it.
 - F. Parents at our school are expected to provide 20 hours per family per year in volunteer service to the school. The school will provide a list of possible ways to fulfill this requirement.
 - G. Our school provides activity periods during the school year for students to participate in clubs, activities and areas of special interests which are traditionally scheduled before or after school.
 - H. Our students have “TRIBE” everyday. The TRIBE provides the students with a teacher mentor/advisor in a small family style group. Mentoring, guidance, counseling, career exploration, and school spirit are fostered through the TRIBE program.

2. Why do you have a lottery?

There will be a general lottery for all students applying to enter Edgewood if there are more applicants than seats available.

3. What are the admission requirements?

- A. The student must meet the “on grade level” requirements. (Never retained and level 3 or above on the FCAT Reading and Math tests, C average in core classes)
- B. The student and parent must sign the student/parent contract prior to registration.
- C. The student must complete and return the application and all other registration requirements by the appropriate deadlines. Information must be truthful and complete.
- D. Students must live within the school’s designated attendance area. (central and north Brevard)
- E. 9-12 grade students must provide a recent transcript.

4. Will transportation be provided?

Transportation will be provided through a “Corridor” bussing system with designated pickup points throughout the attendance area. Parents must provide transportation to and from the various pickup points. Students with a legal driver’s license may drive to school with administrative approval.

5. Will admission preference be given to children of School Board employees?

Admission preferences will only be given to Edgewood employees whose children qualify for the program.

6. Will qualified siblings of students attending the school of choice receive special consideration for admission? Yes.

- A. Siblings **must apply** and meet all requirements for admission.
- B. Qualified siblings of students currently attending Edgewood must reside in the same household.
- C. **In order for the sibling to be admitted without going through the lottery, the brother or sister presently attending the school of choice must attend the entire following year when the sibling begins.**

7. If two siblings are qualified and apply and the name is drawn in the lottery for one but not for the other, do both get in?

Each student has their own lottery number. If there are no seats available, they will go on the wait list until seats become available. For twins in the same grade, we link their lottery numbers, so that they are called together.

8. How many students will be enrolled at each grade level?

	7 th grade = 150
	8 th grade = 150
	9 th grade = 150
	10 th grade=150
	11 th grade=150
	<u>12th grade=150</u>
Total	900-950

Note:

- 1. Normal attrition should result in a constant enrollment of 950 students, 7th – 12th.
- 2. To allow for normal attrition more students may be admitted in lower grades at the time of the lottery.
- 3. Precise numbers of vacant positions for each grade level each year will be determined by the School Administration with the goal of providing the greatest number possible.

9. Is Edgewood Jr/Sr High School of Choice an accredited school? Yes

Our school is accredited by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. Edgewood is also a National Blue Ribbon School.

10. What types of Interscholastic Sports are provided:

Basketball, bowling, cross-county, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, track, and volleyball.

11. When will policies and procedures for applying to the Edgewood School of Choice be available?

November 1st

12. When will applications be available for the Edgewood School of Choice?

November 1st

13. What is the due date for applications to be turned into Edgewood?

The first Friday in February.

14. When will the lottery for admission to Edgewood be conducted?

The lottery will be conducted in February at 6 pm in the media-center.

15. When will registration be held for those accepted?

You will receive written confirmation along with registration dates which is usually held in March.

16. Will students be able to apply to both secondary Schools of Choice?

No. Students must apply to the school serving the attendance area in which the student resides.

17. Where can additional information about the school be obtained?

A. Any questions or concerns not addressed in this brochure may be addressed to Edgewood Jr/Sr High School:

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B. You may visit our Edgewood Web Sites: www.edgewood.brevardschools.org
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C. Additional questions and answers are posted on the school district web site: www.brevardschools.org

18. Will home school students have an option to come to the school of choice for a specific course or for sports without selection in the lottery or meeting other qualifications for the school of choice?

No. Home school students may do this in the school they normally would be assigned but this does not apply to a school of choice.

19. What will be the hours for the school of choice?

The same as for other high schools: 8:45 – 3:30.

20. May an enrolled student transfer from either Edgewood or West shore if his/her residence is changed to the other attendance area?

Yes. The student may also choose to remain at the school he/she is attending, providing transportation is provided by the parents. Parents of students that choose to transfer must show proof that the family is occupying the new residence. Transfer students would be given priority for admission over any existing waiting lists.

21. What if a student withdraws and wants to return to Edgewood?

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.

22. What if a parent and student have a severe, extreme, and unavoidable situation that may be contrary to one or more of the guidelines, is there any provision for appeal?

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.

23. What is the next step after my child is selected?

After your student is selected you will receive written confirmation. You will receive a Commitment letter for you to indicate that you are accepting or declining a seat at Edgewood. If the commitment letter is not returned by the due date we consider that you have forfeited your seat. Also included is the information for the Pre-Registration Meeting that you are expected to attend.