

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

***Seeking Excellence in Who We Are,  
What We Know and What We Do***



***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, nurturing 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. “On grade level” is defined 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 standardized tests 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 Edgewood 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 all of Brevard County. 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 students have “TRIBE” once a week. The TRIBE provides the students with a teacher mentor/advisor. The teacher serves in this capacity for the students’ entire Edgewood journey. 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. Level 3 or above on the FSA Reading and Math tests, C or above 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. 9-12 grade students must provide a recent transcript.

**4. Will transportation be provided?** Yes, regional transportation is available.

**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 granted sibling preference, 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 do both get in?**

For twins we link their applications, so that they are called together.

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

Note:

- A. *Normal attrition should result in a constant enrollment of 950 students, 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>.*
- B. *To allow for normal attrition more students may be admitted in lower grades at the time of the lottery.*
- C. *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 of Excellence.

**10. What types of Interscholastic Sports are provided:**

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

**11. Will students be able to apply to both secondary Schools of Choice? Yes**

**12. 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:

Address: Edgewood Jr/Sr High School  
180 East Merritt Avenue, Merritt Island Fl 23953  
Phone: (321) 454-1030 Fax: (321) 452-1176  
E-mail: [Kugelmann.Julie@brevardschools.org](mailto:Kugelmann.Julie@brevardschools.org)

- B. You may visit our Edgewood Web Site: [http://www.edline.net/pages/Edgewood\\_JSH](http://www.edline.net/pages/Edgewood_JSH)

- C. Additional questions and answers are posted on the school district web site: [www.brevardschools.org](http://www.brevardschools.org)

**13. 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 contact their zoned school, but this does not apply to a school of choice.

**14. 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.

**15. 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. Please contact the school for more information.

**16. What is the next step after my child is selected?**

After your student is selected you will receive an email confirmation, where you will “accept” your seat. Attendance at one of our orientation meetings is required.

If you do not accept your seat by the due date, we consider that you have forfeited your seat.

**Important Dates**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	
Oct. 27, 2018	Program Choice Schools Expo	Board Room ESF 10 am – 2 pm
Oct. 29, 2018	Application Window Opens	Online – School Board of Brevard County
Nov 8 & Nov 13	Informational Meetings and School Tour	Edgewood Cafeteria–Attendance Encouraged 6pm
Nov. 30, 2018	Application Deadline	Online – School Board of Brevard County
Dec. 17, 2018	Edgewood Lottery	Guidance Conference Room
Week of Jan 14	<b>Required 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation Meeting</b>	Jan 15 or Jan 17, 2019 6pm
Jan 30, 2019	Deadline to Accept or Decline Offered Seat	Accept/Decline on Family Dashboard