

Edina High School Parent Survival Handbook

An Unofficial Parents' Guide to Navigate EHS

Created by
the EHS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)



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Welcome from Bruce Locklear – EHS Principal

Welcome to Edina High School! Thank you to our PTO for their work in publishing this guide for parents. The information outlined will be invaluable as you navigate the high school days ahead for your student. EHS is an exciting and dynamic school where students are encouraged to get involved. The same message holds true for parents! The high school years for your student hopefully will be the best days of their lives, so far. You can help to ensure this by being engaged with their school lives, and encouraging them to get involved with our school activities. These years will go so quickly, and it can be a challenging time for parents as their students are seeking greater independence and readying for the post-high school experience. So enjoy the high school years ahead, and get involved!

Yours in Hornet Pride,
W. Bruce Locklear, Ed.D.

Welcome from the EHS PTO

Welcome to the Parent Survival Handbook. This guide has been compiled by the members of the Edina High School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), and is designed to serve as a road map to assist parents in navigating their students' high school careers. Included are websites, contacts, and important information.

The Parent Survival Guide is an interactive document to link parents with the page or website for specific information. Throughout the school year, please be sure to go to the online document (edinaschools.org/page/2889) for updates. Our goal is to provide easy access to necessary information and to help your student have a successful high school career.

About EHS PTO

The EHS PTO is a member-supported organization that provides important services to the students and staff of Edina High School. We encourage all parents to become PTO members/volunteers today! To join the PTO, visit: edinaschools.org/Page/1352.

All parents are invited and welcome to attend the monthly PTO meetings (Thursday mornings).

2016/17 dates: **September 1 October 6 November 3 December 1**
January 12 February 2 March 2 April 6 May 4

Time: **7:45 - 9:00 am**
Location: **EHS Main Office, Conference Room A**

Your membership dollars provide vital support, including:

PTO-Sponsored Events (please check the PTO website for specific dates/times/locations):

- Get Connected Day (Wed., August 17, 2016)
- General PTO meeting
- Coffee with the Principal
- Graduation Ceremony (Mon., June 5, 2017)
- Parent Forums
 - Fall 2016 – High School Management 101
 - Winter 2016 – College Search Process
 - Spring 2017 – Transition to EHS
 - Spring 2017 – Transition to College

Financial and operational support to the school:

- Student Planners and Student Directories
- Parent Survival Handbook
- Coordinating parent volunteers for EHS activities
- Financial support to the Edina Parent Communication Network (PCN)
- Staff hospitality, including refreshments for teachers during parent/teacher conferences
- Student hospitality, including refreshments at the Academic Awards event and Scholarship Breakfast

Funding of teacher grants and mini-grant requests.

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CONTACTS

SCHOOL ADDRESS: 6754 Valley View Road, Edina, MN 55439

All EHS phones are area code (952)

Main Number:	848-3800
Fax:	848-3801
Attendance Line:	848-3802
Health Office:	848-3175
Media Center:	848-3021
Transportation Office:	848-4979
School Website:	edinaschools.org/edinahigh
Activities Office:	edinaschools.org/hornets (website for all activities, music, athletics, clubs)

Administrators

Principal	Dr. Bruce Locklear	848-3800	bruce.locklear@edinaschools.org
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Admin Asst - Activities Director	Nina Bymark	848-3815	christina.bymark@edinaschools.org
Admin Asst - Student Activities	Joe Burger	848-3817	joseph.burger@edinaschools.org

Counselors

Web address: <http://www.edinaschools.org/domain/683>

The Edina High School Counseling Office serves students in a number of key areas. They are helpful in directing students to academic planning, class schedules/changes, college and career planning, personal and social counseling, and technical support for *Infinite Campus* and Naviance.

Counselor	Grades 10-12	E-mail	Phone
Angela Kieffer	A-Co	angela.kieffer@edinaschools.org	848-3039
Taylor Johnson	Cp-Han	taylor.johnson@edinaschools.org	848-3142
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Sandy Schmidt	P-Sn	sandy.schmidt@edinaschools.org	848-3128
Bill Hicks	So-Z	william.hicks@edinaschools.org	848-3127

Counseling Department Administrative Assistants

Counselor	Grades 10-12	E-mail	Phone
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Lory Mullis	Lf-Z	lory.mullis@edinaschools.org	848-3129

Geek Squad Support for Personal Technology

Tuesdays and Thursdays

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

EHS Media Center

Free personal technology tech support from the Geek Squad. Students may also drop off their device earlier in the day with the EHS Media Center staff, and the Geek Squad will take a look at it.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Web Address: <https://sites.google.com/a/apps.edina.k12.mn.us/ehs-social-work/>

Contacts: Laura Livesay, Social Worker, laura.livesay@edinaschools.org; 848-3139
Ebony Gums, Social Worker, ebony.gums@edinaschools.org; 848-3154

Groups include New Students, Grief Group and Stress Management. Each semester, new groups may be created to meet the needs of the students. All groups are facilitated by the school social worker, are open to grades 10-12, meet weekly, and welcome new members. For more information, contact one of the social workers.

COMMUNICATIONS

Edina High School Website

Web Address: <http://www.edinaschools.org/edinahigh>

The website is continually updated. Be sure to check the high school calendar for the most up to date information. Information and Forms tab is also helpful with current events and needed forms. <http://edinahigh.edina.k12.mn.us/>

Staff Email

Email is the preferred means of communication by most members of the administration and faculty. Staff emails are in the following format: ***FirstName.LastName@edinaschools.org***

Full first names are used (Cynthia vs. Cindy). When in doubt, please refer to the contact list on the website. The contact list can be found under the “Contact Us” menu on the high school’s main page. Staff is listed by last name in the directory.

Student Email

Each student has an email address that ends in @isd273.org. Teachers may email meeting notice times to your student's @isd273.org email. Students are held accountable to make the meeting or reply to the teacher. Failure to check email is not an acceptable excuse. Direct questions to the Media Center at **848-3021**.

Hornet Headlines

Hornet Headlines is a Bi-monthly newsletter for parents and students that goes out via email on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. It contains important deadlines, events, fundraisers, and opportunities happening at EHS. If you choose to unsubscribe from Hornet Headlines, you can still receive all other EHS communication via email.

Email Blasts

Email blasts are sent to all email addresses listed on your *Infinite Campus* account. They are generally time sensitive and grade specific, and pertain to a certain event or issue.

Edina in the Know

Great stories are happening every day in Edina Public Schools. This weekly, district-wide newsletter highlights stories and information with links for extended articles and details for those who want to know more. Click on the link to sign-up. <http://www.edinaschools.org/Page/1595>

EHS Twitter account

Keep informed on Twitter: deadlines, upcoming dates, events! Follow the high school: Doc Loc @EHSinformed

Forms and Publications

When you visit the school, check out the magazine rack in the main office where you will find many forms, permits or applications pertinent to high school life.

EHS Twitter 2016/17

ADMINISTRATION

DocLoc @EHSinformed
DocLoc @Doc_Loc
Athletics/Activities @edinahornets
Counseling @edinacounselors
Edina Community Education @EdinaCES
Edina Schools @EdinaSchools
Edina HS Fan Section @Edinafansection
Edina Superintendent @EdinaSuper

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Student Council @Edinastudco
Windigo @EHS_Windigo
Zephyrus @edinazephyrus
Edina Model UN @EdinaModelUN
EHS Science Bowl @EHS_sciencebowl
Hornet Connections @hornetsconnect
Edina Speech @EdinaSpeech
Edina Robotics @FIRSTteam1816
Edina Debate Team @EdinaDebate
Edina 212 Leadership @Edina212
Flyers Athletics @SuburbanFlyers

MUSIC

Edina Bands @Edinabands
Edina Orchestra @EdinaOrchestra
Hornet Drumline @HornetsDrumline

BOYS SPORTS

Edina Boys Soccer @EHSBoysSoccer
Edina Boys Swim/Dive @EdinaSwimBoys
Hornets Football @EHSHornetsFB
Edina Wrestling @EdinaWrestling
Edina Boys Basketball @edinaboyshoops
Edina Boys Lacrosse @EdinaLacrosse
Edina Baseball @EdinaBaseball
Edina Boys Tennis @EdinaBoysTennis
Edina Boys Track @EdinahornetTF

GIRLS SPORTS

Edina Girls Tennis @EGTennis
Edina Girls Soccer @EdinaSoccer
Edina Volleyball @EdinaVolleyball
Edina Cheer @edinacheer
Edina Dance Team @EdinaDanceTeam
Edina Girls BBall @edinagirlsbball
Edina Synchro @EdinaSynchro
Edina Gymnastics @edinagymnastics
Edina Girls Hockey @EHSgirlshockey
Edina Girls Lacrosse @EdinaGirlsLax
Edina Girls Swim/Dive @EdinaSwimDive
Edina Softball @edinasoftball

BOYS & GIRLS SPORTS

Edina Nordic Ski @edinanordicski
Edina Cross Country @EdinaXC

Edina High School Publications

Registration Course Catalog

http://www.edinaschools.org/cms/lib07/MN01909547/Centricity/Domain/683/registration/registration_guide_2016_17.pdf

Included in the catalog are descriptions for both conventional courses and for alternative learning experiences, specific information about graduation requirements, credits for each course, and general information for the planning of post high school options.

Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook

Web Address: <http://www.edinaschools.org/Page/552>

This document outlines district expectations for student conduct.

Student Phone Directory

Web Address: <http://www.edinaschools.org/Page/1352>

This directory contains household phone numbers and addresses. Cell phone numbers are not included. The EHS PTO publishes this directory and can be obtained by becoming a PTO member.

Edina High School Student Parent Handbook

Web Address: <http://www.edinaschools.org/domain/522>

This document outlines EHS policies, and academic and general information. The EHS Administration creates this handbook.

Student Publications

Zephyrus

Web Address: <http://www.edinazephyrus.com/>

Advisor: Sally Larkins, sally.larkins@edinaschools.org

Zephyrus is the student newspaper, produced monthly and distributed free to students. A subscription can be mailed directly to your home for \$20 a year. Contact the Zephyrus office to order.

Windigo

Web Address: <http://www.edinaschools.org//Domain/855>

Advisor: Ellen Guerin, ellen.guerin@edinaschools.org

Windigo is the EHS yearbook, which can be ordered at Get Connected Day in August or online through Jostens. Until September 30th the 2017 yearbook price will be \$79 plus tax (\$85 total), but the price will increase after this date. The final deadline for orders is early February. Yearbooks will be distributed in late May. Senior parents/students must submit formal senior head shots online to Jostens by early November. Yearbook photographers are available to take lower-cost senior yearbook portraits. This year, seniors will be asked to choose and submit quotes to accompany their portraits. Also, 1/8-page baby photo ads can be ordered online through Jostens with a deadline of Friday, November 13th for \$40/ad. From late November through February 12th, students, friends, and families may also submit "Buddy Ads" celebrating friendships and achievements, ranging from 1/8-page to full-page size. Exact deadlines and links to the relevant Jostens websites are specified on the website. Students/parents are advised to place orders early!

Images

Web Address: <http://www.edinaschools.org/Domain/840>

Advisor: Kari Discher, kari.discher@edinaschools.org

Images is the student literary arts magazine which is published in the spring. It is a compilation of paintings, ceramics, prose, poetry, photography and music from some of EHS's most creative minds. *Images* strives to celebrate and support student art at Edina.

STUDENT / PARENT ONLINE TOOLS

Infinite Campus

Web Address: <http://www.edinaschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=4623>

Infinite Campus is an online district-wide student information system that allows the user to view Grades, Reports Cards, Schedules, Attendance, Health Records and Student Information. *Infinite Campus* replaces TIES/SchoolView.

First-time Users

To initiate an *Infinite Campus* account, you will need to obtain an access key to register. New parents will need to obtain their key from the EHS office. Students obtain their access key and set up their accounts through the EHS media center.

PLEASE NOTE: *Parents and students should each have their own Infinite Campus account.* Parent accounts have access to all children in their family, whereas student accounts only have access to their own information. In addition, faculty will often send information to parents directly via the parent *Infinite Campus* account.

Lost Access Key

Parents who have lost their *Infinite Campus* access key should contact the EHS office. Students can contact the staff in the media center for assistance with *Infinite Campus* access.

Notifications

Emergencies and alerts are sent out using the contact information in your User Account, Info section. These notifications are sent to *all email addresses and all phone numbers listed.*

Please review and update your account information regularly on *Infinite Campus*.

School attendance alerts are sent using the *email addresses*, if this option is selected.

Naviance

Web Address: <https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=edina>

Help Contact: naviance@edinaschools.org

Naviance Family Connection is a wonderful web-based resource that supports course, career, and college planning. The program compares colleges, links to resources, tracks deadlines and applications, produces scattergrams, lists college representative visits at EHS, and lists available scholarships. Student registration for Naviance is completed at the middle schools in grade 8. Parent codes are available at Get Connected Day. Any student or parent who needs an access code may send an email to the contact above.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Students and parents should use imagination and legwork to find what activities exist for students in their particular areas of interest. Let's help students plug in!

The school hosts an Activities Day at the start of the school year. This year, Activities Day is scheduled on **Wednesday, September 7, 2016** during lunch periods. Representatives from the various activities will be available on campus to provide information to interested students.

Please Note: *There are specific registration days for athletics, as well as audition dates for music and theater. Some activities begin in August, before the school year starts.*

Standing Clubs and Activities

Web Address: <http://www.edinaschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageType=1&SiteID=18&ChannelID=52&DirectoryType=6>

Twitter: @EdinaHornets

Contact: Joe Burger, joseph.burger@edinaschools.org

- [212 Leadership Group](#)
- [ASL Club](#)
- [Breakfast Book Club](#)
- [Debate](#)
- [DECA](#)
- [French Club](#)
- [German Club](#)
- [Hip-Hop Dance Club](#)
- [Hornettes Performance Dance Club](#)
- [Images](#)
- [Latin Club](#)
- [Math Team](#)
- [Mock Trial](#)
- [Model UN](#)
- [Ping Pong Club](#)
- [Quiz Bowl](#)
- [Robotics Club](#)
- [Science Club](#)
- [Sober Squad](#)
- [Soccer Club](#)
- [Spanish Club](#)
- [Speech Team](#)
- [Student Council](#)
- [Windigo \(Yearbook\)](#)
- [YSY - Youth Serving Youth](#)
- [Zephyrus \(Student Newspaper\)](#)

Student-Led Clubs

Web Address: <http://www.edinaschools.org/Domain/866>

EHS has a number of student-led clubs. Unlike the standing activities, teams and clubs listed above, student-led clubs must be re-registered each year. For a complete listing of student-led clubs and academic advisors, and for information on how to register a new club, visit the web address listed above.

Student-led clubs include:

Amnesty International	Harry Potter Club	Science Quiz Bowl
Black Student Union	Hornet Connections	Stand Against Sexual Harassment
Chinese Club	Jewish Student Union	Super Smash Bros. Club
Dungeons and Dragons Club	Longboarding Club	Yoga Club
Entrepreneurship Club	Medical Career Development	You Are Not Alone
Fishing Club	NFL & Collegiate Football Club	Young Liberals Club

Independent Sports Activities

Web Address: <http://www.edinaschools.org/Domain/61>

There are numerous independent sports teams and activities that are available to students, including the following teams. Please contact the advisor for more information on these teams.

Team	Advisor	Email address
Equestrian	Laura Moran	lmoran@me.com
Snowboarding	Jessica Zalusky	lettering@thegteam.com
	Kelsey Berquem	
	Chris Holden	
Bowling	Susie Van Hoomissen	hoomzger@msn.com
Ultimate Frisbee, Boys	Nate Wohl	EdinaUltimate@gmail.com
Ultimate Frisbee, Girls	Ashley Green	
Juggling	Wendy Arneberg	jugheads@comcast.net
Rugby, Boys	Rob Thoresen	rthoresen@rugbyathletic.com
	Mark Dalton	markdalton@yahoo.com
Rugby, Girls	Emilee Jalosuo	eburkhalter16@gmail.com
Trap & Skeet	Scott Danielson	edinatrapteam@gmail.com
Figure Skating	Kirk Swenson	KSwenson@FDIC.gov
Cycling	Leigh Mazion	mazionleigh@gmail.com

Community Service Hours

Contact: TBD

EHS encourages every student to complete ten hours of community service during their high school residency. Hours can be accrued from 9th to 12th grade. Students with 120 hours of service are eligible to earn a letter in Community Service. <http://edinaschools.org/Page/368>

MUSIC/THEATER

Band

Web Address: <http://www.edinabands.com/>

Contacts: Paul Kile, 848-3080, paul.kile@edinaschools.org
 Andrew Richter, 848-3034, andrew.richter@edinaschools.org
 Martha Lundquist, 848-3123, martha.lundquist@edinaschools.org

Auditions are held in the spring to determine student band placement. Private lessons are highly recommended. Bands meet during the school day with some outside of school obligations during Marching Band season.

Band descriptions:

- **Marching Band** – includes all band members. Primarily a fall activity that includes pep fests and performance at the Minnesota State Fair. Summer Band Camp, held in August, is a requirement.
- **Pep Band** - includes all band members. Primarily a winter activity. Includes playing at hockey and basketball games.
- **Symphonic** – a non-auditioned band (no audition required) consisting mostly of Grade 10 musicians, but includes some 11th and 12th graders.
- **Varsity** – more selective than Symphonic with an audition required. Consists mostly of Grade 11 musicians, but includes some 10th and 12th graders.
- **Concert** – consists of 11th and 12th graders only. This is the most selective of the bands, and an audition is required. Concert Band is featured in the annual POPS Concert, a variety show of skits and music held in February.
- **Jazz Band** – the only band that has open auditions for any student in the high school. Meets outside of school hours. To learn more, visit <http://www.edinabands.com/about-us/our-bands/>.

Orchestra

Web Address: <https://sites.google.com/a/apps.edina.k12.mn.us/ehs-orchestra/>

Contact: Nick Gaudette, nicholas.gaudette@edinaschools.org

Orchestra Descriptions:

- **Philharmonic** - a non-auditioned group. Students interested in joining philharmonic should have knowledge of note reading. This orchestra is primarily composed of 10th and some 11th grade students interested in being in orchestra without the pressure of an audition.
- **Varsity** - an auditioned-based group for students who show an ability to sight-read at a high level. Students in Varsity Orchestra want the challenge of an audition, and are able to showcase their abilities to maneuver around their instrument. Varsity is composed of 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students.
- **Symphony** - dedicated to students who are performing at the highest orchestral level at the school. Students in Symphony are generally enrolled in private lessons outside of school, and are involved with the local youth orchestras. The audition requirements are rigorous, and the performance level requires an advanced knowledge of the instrument and range. On certain occasions, Symphony Orchestra will join forces with select wind, brass, and percussion players from the band program to prepare and perform full symphonic works. Symphony is composed of 11th and 12th grade students.
- **Chamber** - dedicated to students in all orchestras who may identify as potential music majors beyond high school. Chamber will meet once a week on Thursdays from 7:30-8:15 am. The future of this group can potentially be designed as a premier touring ensemble for the Edina Orchestra program. Students interested in Chamber will have an advanced knowledge of their instrument, and a curiosity about their potential future in the musical arts.

Choir

Web Address: <https://sites.google.com/a/apps.edina.k12.mn.us/edina-high-school-choirs/>

Contacts: David Henderson, david.henderson@edinaschools.org
Christopher Piela, christopher.piela@edinaschools.org

EHS has three choirs that meet during the school day: Varsity Choir, Mixed Choir, and the Concert Choir.

There are four other choirs that meet outside of the school day: Varsity Ensemble, Mixed Choir Ensemble, Chamber Singers, and Men's Chorus.

Choir descriptions:

- **Varsity** – largely comprised of sophomores. No audition is required. All 10th grade students are welcome!
- **Varsity Ensemble** – audition only, comprised of a select group of Varsity Choir members.
- **Mixed Choir** – audition choir for men and women in grades 11 and 12.
- **Mixed Choir Ensemble** – audition only, comprised of a select group of Mixed Choir members.
- **Men's Chorus** – meets Wednesday mornings from 7:15-8:00 am, and is open to all adult men and male high school students in the community.
- **Concert Choir** – audition choir, comprised of juniors and seniors. Highly competitive. Concert Choir is featured in annual Current Jam held in the Spring.
- **Chamber Singers** – by audition only, a select group of Concert Choir members with a heavy performance schedule during the holidays. Auditions are held in September.

Theater

Web Address: <https://sites.google.com/site/ehsthespians/>

Club Advisor: Tony Matthes, 848-3520, anthony.matthes@edinaschools.org

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/250849094928124/>

The Thespian Club meets monthly, and is for students interested in theater onstage, backstage, in the pit, and in the audience. Performances include: Fall and Spring musicals, Winter play, One-Act Play, Listen to the Images, and ComedySportz. Additional activities include an annual trip to New York, workshops, and summer dance training.

ATHLETICS

Sports

Web Address: <http://www.edinaschools.org/hornets>

Twitter: @EdinaHornets

Contact: Joe Burger, joseph.burger@edinaschools.org, 848-3817

There are many ways students can get involved in athletics. Be sure to pay close attention to summer camp opportunities, registration, health criteria/forms and try-out dates. It's helpful to participate in outside clinics/training opportunities. Depending on level, many sports expect year-round training. Refer to the Clubs and Activities section of this guide for additional sports opportunities, such as Trap and Skeet, Equestrian, etc. There is something for everyone.

Fall Sports

Adapted Soccer*
 Cross Country – Boys & Girls*
 Football*
 Soccer – Boys & Girls
 Swimming and Diving – Girls*
 Tennis – Girls*
 Volleyball

Winter Sports

Adapted Floor Hockey*
 Alpine Ski
 Basketball – Boys & Girls
 Competitive Cheer
 Dance Team
 Gymnastics
 Hockey – Boys & Girls
 Nordic Ski*
 Swimming and Diving – Boys*
 Wrestling

Spring Sports

Adapted Softball*
 Badminton*
 Baseball
 Golf – Boys & Girls
 Lacrosse – Boys & Girls
 Softball
 Synchronized Swimming*
 Tennis – Boys
 Track & Field – Boys & Girls*

***Non-cut Sports**

Despite a highly competitive athletic program, athletes can participate in non-cut sports where they can develop in their sport, participate as part of a school team, and potentially letter. Non-cut sports participants play as a team against other schools. If a non-cut sport were to become oversubscribed to the point of exceeding available facilities, cuts are possible. Thus far, this has not been an issue in any of the above sports. All students must meet registration deadlines for sports activities, including non-cut sports.

Intramural Sports

Students organize their own teams and play against each other in the field house. Check the athletic office for options and the seasons when intramural sports are offered.

Independent Sports Activities (see page 11)

There are numerous independent sports teams and activities that are available to students, including the following teams. Please contact the advisor for more information on these teams.

SOCIAL LIFE

Dances

Dances are organized by the EHS Student Council, and are generally well attended. EHS Student Council advisors are: Kimberly Caster, kimberly.caster@edinaschools.org; and Colleen Raasch, colleen.raasch@edinaschools.org. Tickets range per student from \$10-\$35 and are sold individually. Students do not need to have dates and are encouraged to attend alone, with a date, or in groups. Students are welcome to invite a guest from another school, but will need to work with the EHS Administration to complete the appropriate paperwork by the Thursday before the dance.

At all dances, students must present a photo ID (school ID, driver's license, state permit) for entrance, and are informed that there will be random breathalyzer testing done by the Edina Police Department. Each dance is chaperoned by two administrators, about ten teachers, and a variety of parents. If you have any interest in being a chaperone, please contact one of the advisors above.

Homecoming - Saturday, September 17, 2016 at Edina High School – semiformal

Ticket price \$20-\$30 per student; which typically includes a t-shirt or other Hornet souvenir.
Average attendance 1,000+.

Sadie's - Friday, December 2, 2016 at Edina High School – costume attire

Ticket price \$10-\$15 per student.

Typically, the girls ask the boys to this dance.

Sophomores dress in cowboy/cowgirl-type attire; juniors and seniors dress in random themes.

At this dance, **the dress code is strictly enforced**. Contact an Advisor or Administrator for more info.

Average attendance 800.

Sweetheart - Saturday, February 4, 2017 at International Market Square – semiformal

Ticket price \$20-\$30 per student, which typically includes a t-shirt; average attendance 700.

Prom - Saturday, May 6, 2017 at US Bank Stadium – formal

Ticket price \$20-\$30 per student.

Open to juniors and seniors or underclassmen invited by a junior or senior; average attendance 500.

EHS PTO put together a YouTube video addressing common questions asked by parents about dances:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DfksnVZ73-0>.

Zero Tolerance Policy

Edina High School has a zero tolerance policy regarding tobacco, alcohol and other substance use and abuse. The Chemical Health Coordinator for the City of Edina states that the policy is very clear, and that students will not use tobacco, alcoholic beverages, marijuana or any other substance. This includes consumption, possession, selling, and giving away. Violation of this policy results in penalties. For more information, refer to the *Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook*.

Laws for Juveniles

Police Liaison contacts: David Boosalis, david.boosalis@edinaschools.org, 848-3809 (Edina High School)

Eric Carlson, eric.carlson@edinaschools.org, 848-3511 (Elementary and Middle Schools)

<http://www.edinaschools.org/cms/lib07/MN01909547/Centricity/Domain/522/Laws%20For%20Juveniles.pdf>

This document is a very valuable resource compiled by the Edina Police Department, and contains specific information about: Curfew, Alcohol, Tobacco, Marijuana, Teen Driving, Open House Parties and Truancy Laws. Paper copies are available in the EHS Main Office.

MISCELLANEOUS

Buses

If your student's bus is late, your student will need to wait for the bus. The school will be notified of any late buses. Students will need to check in at the main office when they arrive.

Student Activity Buses: If your student is involved in an after school activity and needs transportation home, there are three buses that leave the school at 4:30 p.m. Check with the main office for routes and options. No passes are needed for Minneapolis and Edina routes. For questions about bus transportation, call the Edina Public Schools Bus Garage at 848-4979.

Hazing

Web Address: <http://www.edinaschools.org/Page/1525>

Sometimes thought of as a prestige/popularity deal, hazing is a threatening act. Encourage your students to talk about their fears. Call the administration and/or police if hazing becomes an issue with your student. It is important to name names if you want it to stop!

Lockers

Lockers are available for students but are not automatically assigned. Many students choose to forego a locker and carry their backpacks with them all day. If your student would like a locker, it is usually best to wait a few days to determine the most convenient hallway for locker assignment. Lockers have a built-in lock. Students receive locker assignments at the EHS main office.

Food

Web Address: <http://edinaschools.org/Page/1365>

Students scan their student ID to pay. Deposit money into your student's account by: (1) sending check/cash with your student (make checks payable to: ISD #273), (2) dropping a check off in the main office, (3) mailing a check to EHS – Food & Nutrition, or (4) depositing online in PAYPAMS.com.

EHS serves breakfast in addition to lunch. Menus are available at <http://edinaschools.nutrislice.com/menu/edina-high>. To check what your student has been purchasing and cost of each item, visit log onto your account on PAYPAMS.com.

Parking Permits

Web Address: <http://www.edinaschools.org/Page/1372>

Registration begins on Monday, August 8, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Annual passes are \$300. Applications are submitted online at <https://webapps.edinaschools.org/cfa/hsparkingVT/hsparkingform.cfm>.

Permits will be assigned based on a priority system, and not a first-come, first-served basis. Permits will be available for pick up at "Get Connected Day" or the first day of school at the desk at Door 3. Students need to bring their signed permission slip to turn in at that time.

Daily parking permits are available for \$3. These are typically used for a student who needs to drive on occasion, such as for an appointment. There are 25 available each day on first-come, first-served basis.

Tickets will be issued for permit violations. Permits can be revoked without refund for failure to follow rules.

Spirit Store

Edina T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. are available on the website. Edina paraphernalia is also available on Get Connected Day, Open House, teacher conferences and at all home football games.

ACADEMICS

Classes

Daily Courses: All classes meet each day from 8:25 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. There are 6 class periods each day plus an optional zero hour period (7:30 to 8:20 a.m.). EHS also has different schedules for different circumstances such as late start, speaker or pep fest schedule. Students are responsible for knowing when a different schedule is to be followed for a given day.

Daily Schedules (2016-2017): <http://www.edinaschools.org/cms/lib07/MN01909547/Centricity/Domain/521/2016-2017%20EHS%20Bell%20Schedule.pdf>

Zero Hour Classes: Classes are offered at 7:30 to 8:20 a.m.; provides students an opportunity to take an additional course.

Changes in Classes: Due to increased enrollment, classes at EHS are full, and schedule changes will only be made for the reasons listed below. There is a \$5.00 charge that accompanies each change request.

- **Course Additions:** Students may add a course to fill an unscheduled hour or replace a study hall *only if there is available space in the desired class.*
- **Course Drops:** Students may drop a course and add a study hall *provided the student maintains at least five credit-bearing courses.*
- **Course Level Changes:** Students may change levels of a course *provided there is available space in the desired course.*

Finals: Finals are conducted at the end of 1st and 2nd semesters. Students will have two finals per day for the last three days of each semester. Day #1 for periods 1 and 4 classes; day #2 for periods 2 and 5; and day #3 for periods 3 and 6. On finals days, school is in session from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Enriched Classes: “Enriched” is a label designating classes that are more rigorous than their traditional counterparts, but not fulfilling requirements necessary to be called AP. At EHS, for example, a student may take Chemistry, Enriched Chemistry or AP (Advanced Placement) Chemistry. Each course is progressively more difficult, with AP Chemistry representing an introductory course on the college level. Enriched classes are not weighted.

AP (Advanced Placement) Courses: Sponsored by the College Entrance Examination Board, these classes allow motivated students to take college level courses while still in high school. Currently, there are 25 AP offerings listed in the EHS Registration Guide Book.

Students may take an AP exam administered in May; check the AP exam calendar for exact dates/times. AP exam registration information is available in mid-winter. The registration process is online only; for information, visit <http://www.edinaschools.org/APRegistration>. Note the registration deadline, as there is a \$50 late fee per exam.

Students receiving scores of 3, 4 or 5 on AP tests given in the spring may receive college credit. AP credits awarded by a college often allow students to complete their degree in a shorter time, saving tuition costs. Check with individual institutions of higher education to learn about their AP credit-award system. Select Latin and Engineering courses are eligible for earning college credit (1 elective credit).

Here are a few things to remember about AP courses:

- The grades in AP courses are weighted (see dual grade-weighting).
- Scores of 4 or 5 on these tests are achievements that can be noted on a college application or on a resume.
- If your student believes the test really did not go well, he/she may cancel a score of an AP exam. The request must be received by June 15 the year the exam was taken.

- If your student does not cancel a score but does not wish to have it reported to a school with the rest of his/her scores, he/she can request that it is withheld. The cost for this service is \$5 per grade per score per report.
- Further questions? Consult your guidance counselor or go to <http://apcollegeboard.com/>.

Dual Grade-Weighting: This is a grading system in which two options exist -- one in which GPA is determined on a non-weighted basis and a weighted alternative where AP courses are weighed more heavily. Thus, all students will have two GPAs (weighted and non-weighted). Both GPAs are reported to colleges, and colleges generally use the best score.

Alternative Classes

Web Address: <http://www.edinaschools.org/domain/683>

Contact: Student's Guidance Counselor

Alternative Learning: The traditional school day is not the best fit for every student or every family. EHS offers several alternatives including credit by assessment (for math courses), Post Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO), Hennepin Technical College (HTC) and West Metro Education Program (WMEP). There are also alternative schools available for students who are not successful in a traditional setting. The "Options" program is available at the high school for students who are significantly behind their graduation plans. Schedule an appointment with your student's counselor to discuss available options and devise a plan that best meets your student's needs.

Just a precautionary note: If your student chooses to participate in any of these alternative classes, stay current with Hornet Headlines so you and your student know what is happening regarding school activities, plays, sports, *Windigo* deadlines, graduation ceremonies, gown rentals, etc. Feeling connected is an important component in the adolescent years.

PSEO: Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) is a program that allows 10th through 12th grade students to earn college credit through enrollment in and successful completion of college-level courses. The program provides students with a greater variety of class offerings and the opportunity to pursue more challenging coursework than may be available at the high school. Eligible PSEO students can take a range of classes, including general education, and career and technical courses. Students may take courses, full- or part-time, at a post-secondary institution for high school credit.

Courses are offered on the campus of the post-secondary institution, such as Hennepin Technical College, Normandale Community College, Minneapolis Community and Technical College (MCTC), and the University of Minnesota.

Tuition, fees and required textbooks are provided at no cost to students. Transportation to and from the post-secondary institution is the responsibility of the parents and student. The decision to participate in PSEO is not to be taken lightly. The student is expected to be a responsible, self-starting, independent learner. Students should seek out additional information and discuss that option with their counselor early on to ensure that they are making the best choice for themselves and their educational future.

Refer to the EHS Student/Parent Handbook for details under the header *Alternative Methods for Earning Credit at EHS*. A link to the student/parent handbook is found on the EHS website under "Information and Forms." Excellent information on PSEO is also available on the University of Minnesota's Advanced High School Student Services website at <http://cce.umn.edu/Post-Secondary-Enrollment-Options/>.

Hennepin Technical College: If your student leans toward "hands-on" experiences, HTC is an option. Edina High School is a member district of HTC located in Eden Prairie. Two distinct types of courses are offered to match each student's level of career readiness: Career Clusters and College Major courses.

Career Cluster class activities include tours of business and industry, exposure to equipment and practices that apply to an area of interest, and lab projects. Courses include Child Development careers, Communications Technology, Computer Technology, Construction and Building Systems, Culinary Arts, Computer Art, Multimedia and Print, Service Occupations, Manufacturing and Engineering, Medical Careers, and Transportation Technology.

After successfully completing a related Career Cluster course, your student may continue by enrolling in College Major courses. This is an excellent opportunity to begin your college course work while still enrolled in high school. More information can be found on the counseling website: <http://www.edinaschools.org/domain/683>.

West Metro Education Program: (WMEP) is a partnership of ten metro area school districts. The Inter-district Downtown School, a magnet school of WMEP is located in the heart of the metro area, close to real-life learning labs in the arts, education, business and government. Its curriculum taps into the vast resources of the city. Students have the opportunity to study music at MacPhail and Orchestra Hall and can study theater at the Guthrie, the State Theater and the Orpheum. Students may learn about government, the judicial system and law enforcement at City Hall, in courtrooms, or judges' chambers. Applicants are selected by lottery, based on space available for the home district, and attend full time.

“Options” at Edina High School: Options is a state-approved alternative learning program located within Edina High School that provides an alternate educational experience for students who are behind in completing credits required for graduation and who need to make up individual credits. It is designed to provide students who qualify with a second chance at designing and pursuing a graduation plan. This program provides a smaller learning environment in which instruction is personalized, and the student experience is unique to their needs. The course schedule is flexible and much of the coursework is offered in a computer-based format. Students will have the chance to work at their own pace, toward their own learning goals. Online coursework is supplemented by direct instruction from a highly qualified teacher. In addition to their core coursework, students will have the opportunity to participate in a school-to-work skills seminar as well as service learning projects for credit. Contact Heidi Howard at heidi.howard@edinaschools.org for more information.

Alternative Schools: As defined by Minnesota Statute 124D, “alternative schools” are designed to serve at-risk students who have not been successful at traditional schools. Students may also have dropped out, fallen behind in credits, be a parent, or fit other “at-risk” criteria. Check the EHS Social Worker’s Web site at: <https://sites.google.com/a/apps.edina.k12.mn.us/ehs-social-work/> to find an array of different learning environments including sober schools, recovery schools, charter schools, home schooling, GED, independent study, and “Out of the Box” Learning Adventures. The Minnesota Association of Alternative Programs (MAAP) homepage has links to alternative schools, which are also designated by region, <http://maapmn.org/>.

Edina Scholar Program

All students who earn an unweighted cumulative grade point average at or above 10.5 for marks earned at Edina High School in grades ten, eleven, and the first half of grade twelve are designated Edina Scholars. For the purpose of determining Edina Scholars, PSEO grades shall be considered equivalent to those earned at Edina High School. The designation -- Edina Scholar is placed on the graduation ceremony program and the student’s record.

Tutoring

When should your student seek outside academic help? If your son or daughter is challenged in a subject and has pursued every avenue available within school to address his or her needs, but still struggles, you may want to employ a tutor. Most teachers will try to accommodate students seeking additional assistance before and after school as schedules allow. Also, some late-start days are set aside for helping students or students can use the media center after school for a quiet place to study and use computers.

The EHS Counseling Office or the District office provides a list of tutors in the area. As it is often the case, word-of-mouth from a satisfied customer can prove the best means to the right match for your student. Tutoring, however, can be a costly avenue. Private sessions can easily run \$30 - \$60 an hour and often more, depending on the tutor. Current Edina Staff cannot provide tutoring services or recommendations per district policy.

Additional Academic Support and Enrichment Opportunities

Academic Prep (Afternoon)

Structured study hall (6th hour) which establishes a culture of learning by providing a quiet environment in which the expectation is clear that students will attend and work. 1 elective credit.

AVID

AVID, "Advancement Via Individual Determination," is a college readiness program offered in 10th through 12th grade. The AVID College Readiness System (ACRS) accelerates student learning by using research-based methods of effective instruction. It offers academic enrichment with imbedded supports to foster the skills and confidence for college eligibility and success. The mission of the AVID program is to ensure that all students, especially those in the middle, who are capable of completing a college-preparatory path, have a chance to succeed, and to increase enrollment of these students in four-year colleges and universities. Students are placed in advanced courses, while receiving support in the AVID elective course. In addition, AVID focuses on study skills, test taking skills, note taking, research, organization, critical thinking, goal setting, choosing a college, and preparation for college entrance exams. (1 elective credit)

Genesys Works

Genesys Works partners with EHS to provide high school seniors with in-depth professional and tech skills training during the summer, a year-long paid corporate internship (20 hours/wk), and added college counseling. Students enrolled in this internship experience leave EHS for "on the job" training at 1 p.m. each day. Targeted populations are students on free/reduced lunch and any other students who are breaking through barriers in their life. (genesysworks.org/twincities) (up to 3 elective credits)

Junior/Senior Seminar

Junior/Senior Seminar is a support class designed for students who have completed sophomore seminar (or who are recommended by a counselor) and desire continued support in high school. Students receive continued support with organization, goal setting, and self-advocacy. In addition to these supports, students can take advantage of enrichment in the areas of mental health, subject-specific skill development, mentorship, and post-secondary planning. (1 elective credit)

Math Help Room

There is a drop-in center for math help, hosted by an EHS math teacher, every day after school from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Sophomore Seminar

Sophomore Seminar is a support class designed to assess student need and provide personalized academic support and enrichment necessary for continued growth and success in high school. The course provides support for reinforcing the importance of and/or learning skills like organization, studying, goal setting, and self-advocacy. Sophomore Seminar students also receive guidance in post-secondary planning and have direct access to mental health support. (1 elective credit)

STRIVE

STRIVE is designed for students at or below a C- average who want to commit to academic improvement. Students do academic and attendance check-ins with the instructor weekly and receive enrichment through mentorship (*partnership with Edina Rotary Clubs*), college preparation, and skill building for life skills and business basics. Students can register or be referred for STRIVE. All students registered will also be notified to complete an application prior to final acceptance to the program. (1 elective credit)

Study Center

After school study center provides students with an opportunity to receive direct tutoring and support on a drop-in basis from teachers in the areas of math, science, social studies, English, and writing. The study center is also a quiet environment for students who do not need help, but would like a space to work. Please see website for current schedule.

Contact: Heidi Howard, heidi.howard@edinaschools.org

Work Experience/Internships

Students are released from school to work/internship in the community after attending school for a minimum of four hours daily, fulfilling the requirements for academic and related instruction. Students will receive two credits for successful employment/internship, working a minimum of 10 hours per week or 80 hours per semester. Student progress is evaluated by both employer and teacher coordination. Transportation to job sites (within city limits) is provided by the high school. Students must enroll in work experience class to receive job credit. (up to 3 elective credits)

Writer's Block

Web address: <https://sites.google.com/a/apps.edina.k12.mn.us/the-writer-s-block/home>

Advisors: Kristin Benson, kristin.benson@edinaschools.org

Sarah Franssen, sarah.franssen@edinaschools.org

The purpose of the Writer's Block writing center is to provide individualized support for any student who is engaged in the writing process. Writer's Block is staffed by English teachers and trained student writing coaches. Coaches work one-on-one with students to support their writing in whatever stage of the process they are in, and help students to develop techniques for brainstorming, writing, revising, and editing. Student coaches are trained to encourage writers to develop as independent thinkers.

Students can make an appointment or drop in with a copy of the assignment, brainstorming, outline or a draft of the essay. Students should have an idea of what they would like to focus on during the writing conference. Planning ahead to ensure adequate time for revision is helpful.

Writer's Block is located in Room 263 and is open during lunch (11:35 am to 1:00 pm).

For after hours help, students can visit the Writer's Block page on the Edina Public Schools website to request an online conference. Students must be able to share a draft of their paper in order to access this service. Requests must be submitted by 10:00 pm. This has been a popular service, so students should submit their request as early in the evening as possible. If no coaches are available, the Writer's Block cannot guarantee a conference immediately.

To submit a paper for an online conference, visit the Writer's Block page, and click on "Online Conferences" on the top left side.

COLLEGE PREP

Parents' tips on college prep

- Explore the resources available in the College and Career Center.
- Look through some of the books listed in the Reference Books section of this document.
- Start the process early by taking advantage of the informational meetings at EHS designed for Junior and Senior parents.
- The admissions process is an art form, and while becoming more competitive, the resources are also better, such as books and the internet.
- Encourage your 11th and 12th grade teachers to assign “practice” admission essays. (This is regularly done in senior English classes.) Such assignments can provide the basis for your student’s actual college admission essays.
- Edina students apply to an average of 6 colleges.
- Broaden your search and go beyond the obvious choices.
- Application fees range from \$35 to \$65.
- Students applying to highly competitive schools may benefit from early admission.

College and Career Center

Web Address: <http://www.edinaschools.org/domain/684>

The College and Career Center (CCC) is part of the Counseling Office at EHS. The CCC serves as a clearinghouse for college and career information, and is a place to get questions answered about the college search and application process, how to register for the ACT and SAT exams, writing college essays, financial aid, researching scholarships, and career exploration. The CCC also coordinates visits from over 250 college representatives each year. The schedule of college visits is posted outside of Room 312.

The CCC is located in Room 310, and is open on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.** Juniors and seniors are welcome to meet college representatives, with clearance from the student’s teacher. Sophomores are welcome to attend starting 2nd semester. Parent volunteers staff the center. Parents may sign up for bi-weekly shifts or be on the substitute list. Look for information about volunteering on the website.

The counseling department hosts a Junior Parent Night and a Senior Parent Night to provide college/career search information and answer questions. Refer to the EHS Counseling Department webpage or EHS emails for dates/times.

Post-secondary planning

By junior year, it is suggested that students visit a few local colleges, universities, and post-secondary options so that they can begin gathering information about campus pros and cons. The College Fair Event held at the Minneapolis Convention Center in mid-September is a good overview of colleges and universities around the country. College representatives, as well as representatives from the military and vocational schools, visit the College and Career Center throughout the year. As the list of potential colleges and options becomes shorter, students can arrange to spend an overnight or a weekend on a college campus of his or her choice. Admissions departments of the colleges can help arrange visits.

Planning for the Future – Guides for Juniors and Seniors

These guides are prepared by EHS staff and distributed to juniors and seniors each year to assist them in grade-appropriate planning for their post-secondary education.

Junior edition:

http://www.edinaschools.org/cms/lib07/MN01909547/Centricity/Domain/683/Juniors/jr_planning_future_2017.pdf

Senior edition:

http://www.edinaschools.org/cms/lib07/MN01909547/Centricity/Domain/683/seniors/sr_planning_future_2016.pdf

SENIOR INFORMATION

Class Rings

Rings are available through Jostens and can be ordered in the fall.

May Term

Senior students will have different May Term options, and the timeframe of May Term will vary from the terms available to sophomores and juniors. Additional information is distributed to the seniors throughout the school year. See student's counselor for details.

Off Campus Lunches

<http://www.edinaschools.org/cms/lib07/MN01909547/Centricity/Domain/522/2013%20Open%20Lunch%20Edina%20Senior%20High%20School.pdf>

Off campus lunch is available only to seniors, with parent permission. The Open Lunch Application forms are available on the school website and in the EHS main office. No additional time is granted for off campus lunches. Students must safely leave campus, eat and return within the typical 30-minute lunch period.

Senior Party

Web Address: www.edinaseniorparty.org

Contact: edinaseniorparty@gmail.com

The senior party tradition started in 1951. Immediately after graduation, students are bussed to the all-night party at Edina High School. The senior parents select each year's theme, and every senior parent is expected to volunteer.

Senior Pictures

Students typically have their senior portraits taken in the late summer or fall of their senior year. Photos are due to the yearbook (*Windigo*) by early fall. Visit the *Windigo* website for specific deadlines.

Scholarships for College

Web Address: <http://www.edinaschools.org/Page/1892>

Each year the counseling office receives notices of awards from a variety of sources. A listing of the scholarships is also available through Naviance. The local scholarship awards are officially handed out at the PTO-sponsored Scholarship Breakfast in the spring.

TESTING

Edina High School Code: 240-708

This code is required for all college applications and national testing. This number is particularly important for seniors.

Required Testing

There have been recent changes to Minnesota state law regarding new requirements for high school graduation. In addition to meeting all credit and other obligations established by Edina Public Schools in District Policy 613, students must also satisfy new testing requirements in mathematics, reading, and writing in order to obtain a high school diploma.

To help you and your student plan for these important college and career readiness assessments, a schedule of State required tests that will be administered in Edina Public Schools is included below:

Graduation Eligibility Requirements

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
Completion of MCA Math and MCA Reading	Completion of MCA Math and MCA Reading	Completion of MCA Math and MCA Reading
AND	AND	AND
Completion of EXPLORE (Grade 8)	Completion of EXPLORE (Grade 8)	Completion of EXPLORE (Grade 8)
Completion of PLAN (Grade 10)	Must be provided the opportunity to complete the ACT + Writing during the school day (Grade 11)	Must be provided the opportunity to complete the ACT + Writing during the school day (Grade 11)
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On **April 19, 2017**, current EHS 11th graders are scheduled to take the ACT Plus Writing Assessment. From this assessment, students will receive a reportable score for college and scholarship agencies. This test will be offered at no cost to students.

Throughout the spring, students will complete additional assessments to satisfy state and district testing requirements. Students will complete the MCA Math, Reading, and Science Assessments online during their English, Science, and Math courses.

More information regarding the MCA tests can be found on the MN Department of Education website at <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/JustParent/TestReq/>.

Additional Tests for the College-Bound

Testing help

- For both math and verbal tests, many classes are available through learning centers and the Edina Community Education program to help your student prepare for the college entrance exams.
- There are many books and computer programs on the subject. Practice exams are available online. Websites for online practice exams include www.collegeboard.com, and www.act.org.

AP (Advanced Placement) exams - Can be taken after completion of an AP course. Sponsored by the College Entrance Examination Board, these courses allow accelerated students to take college level courses. Students receiving scores of 4 or 5 on AP tests given in the spring of the year may receive some form of college credit, depending on the school. AP scores can also affect college placement in a particular subject. Scores of 4 or 5 on these tests are achievements that can be noted on a college application or resume. For more information go to <http://www.edinaschools.org/domain/670>.

ACT – American College Testing is a subject-based college admissions assessment test accepted by many colleges and universities in the U.S. It is always a good idea to check ahead of time which tests your prospective college requires. Unlike the SAT, the ACT allows students to send **ONLY** their highest score to prospective colleges. The ACT is a subject-based test scored on a basis of 1 to 36.

Often students take the exam more than once to improve his/her score. Students choose when to report results and to which colleges. More information can be found at <http://www.actstudent.org/>.

PSAT – The Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test is open to sophomores and juniors, and provides practice for the SAT exam. Some schools may accept the PSAT alone for admissions decisions. The results of the PSAT taken by students in the junior year, provide the basis for National Merit Scholarship eligibility; however, only a small percentage of students will earn status as a National Merit Commended Scholar, Semifinalist or Finalist. Students who take the PSAT begin receiving email from colleges and universities. This test is highly recommended. Registration dates in the fall and/or on the EHS Counseling website.

SAT - The Scholastic Assessment Test - Reasoning Test is a college admissions assessment test commonly required by many colleges in the U.S. All SAT I scores will be sent to prospective colleges, who claim to only consider the highest scores from multiple sittings for admission. There are two sections to the SAT I: Verbal and Math. Scores for each section are reported on a 200 to 800 scale, with additional subscores reported for the essay (ranging from 2-12) and for multiple-choice writing questions (on a 20-80 scale).

Most students take the SAT during their junior and/or senior year. At least half of all students take the SAT twice – in the spring as a junior and in the fall as a senior. Most students improve their score the second time they take the SAT. More information can be found at <http://sat.collegeboard.org/home>.

SAT Subject Tests - The Scholastic Assessments are one-hour, content-specific subject tests that measure a student's knowledge in a given subject. Scores are reported on a 200 to 800 scale. The SAT subject test was once referred to as an "achievement test." Some colleges require SAT subject tests in addition to the SAT reasoning test.

SAT Subject Tests are best taken immediately after the completion of the course. For example, students who study AP U.S. History in the junior year should take the SAT II in U.S. History that spring. Most colleges that require the SAT II want the writing, math (IC or IIC; IIC is for students who have taken pre-calculus and/or trigonometry in addition to 3 or more years of college preparatory mathematics), and a third test of the student's choice. The fee structure is available on the testing website. More information can be found at <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register>.

ACT and SAT Dates for 2016 - 2017 School Year

Check the SAT and ACT websites to confirm test dates and registration deadlines.

To have scores sent to Edina High School, enter the school code for Edina High School – **240-708**.

Test	Test Date	Register By	Location/ Test Center Code
ACT	Sept. 10, 2016	Aug. 5	Edina Test Center 178400
ACT	Oct. 22, 2016	Sept. 16	Edina Test Center 178400
ACT	Dec. 10, 2016	Nov. 4	Edina Test Center 178400
ACT	Feb. 11, 2017	Jan. 13	Edina Test Center 178400
ACT	Apr. 8, 2017	Mar. 3	Edina Test Center 178400
ACT	Apr. 19, 2017		ACT Plus Writing Assessment offered at no charge to all EHS Juniors
ACT	June 10, 2017	May 5	Edina Test Center 178400
SAT & Subject Tests	Oct. 1, 2016	Sept. 1	SAT not held at Edina HS
SAT & Subject Tests	Nov. 5, 2016	Oct. 7	Edina Test Center 24-130
SAT & Subject Tests	Dec. 3, 2016	Nov. 3	Edina Test Center 24-130
SAT & Subject Tests	Jan. 21, 2017	Dec. 21, 2016	SAT not held at Edina HS
SAT (only)	Mar. 11, 2017	Feb. 10	SAT not held at Edina HS
SAT & Subject Tests	May 6, 2017	Apr. 7	Edina Test Center 24-130
SAT & Subject Tests	June 3, 2017	May 9	Edina Test Center 24-130
PSAT	October 19, 2017 - 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.		Edina High School

USEFUL ACRONYMS

ACT	American College Test
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
ALC	Alternate Learning Center
ALT	Achievement Level Tests
AP	Advanced Placement
ASD	Autism Spectrum Disorder
AVID	Advancement Via Individual Determination
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress
CES	Community Education Council
CEU	Continuous Education Unit
CLP	Continuous Learning Plan
CP	Continuous Progress (Program)
CRC	Community Resource Center
CRP	Curriculum Resources and Programs
DOE	Department of Education
EAC	Edina Administrative Council
ECC	Edina Community Center
ECGT	Edina Council of Gifted and Talented
EHS	Edina High School
EPAC	Edina Performing Arts Center
EPS	Edina Public Schools
ESL/ELL	English as Second Language/ English Language Learners
FOSS	Full Option Science System
FTE	Full-Time Equivalent
GPA	Grade Point Average
LSN	Licensed School Nurse
MASA	MN Association of School Administrators
MCA	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments
MDE	Minnesota Department of Education
MNSB	Minnesota School Boards Association
MSHSL	Minnesota State High School League
NCTE	National Council of Teachers of English
NPR	National Percentile Rank
NWEA	Northwest Evaluation Association
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration

PCN	Parent Communication Network
PLAN	Pre-ACT Test
PLC	Parent Leadership Council (EPS PTA/PTO/PTSO leadership)
PLC	Professional Learning Community (Staff development)
PLTW	Project Lead The Way (engineering curriculum courses)
PRIDE	Positive Reinforcement of Individual Determination and Excellence
PSAT	Preliminary Scholastic Achievement Test
PSEO	Post Secondary Enrollment Options
PTA	Parent Teacher Association
PTO	Parent Teacher Organization
PTSO	Parent Teacher Student Organization
ReReRe	ReNew, ReUse, ReCycle
RTI	Response to Intervention
SAAC	Student Activities Advisory Council
SAT	Scholastic Achievement Test
SDFSC	Safe and Drug- Free Schools and Communities
SIS	Student Information System
SLLT	Service Learning Leadership Team
SSS	Student Support Services
SV/SVMS	South View Middle School
TAP	Tests of Achievement and Proficiency
TAT	Technology Advisory Team
TIES	Technology and Information Educational Services
UCSMP	University of Chicago School Mathematics Project
UMTYMP	University of Minnesota Talented Youth in Mathematics Program
VV/VVMS	Valley View Middle School
WAC	Web Advisory Committee
WEB	Where Everyone Belongs
WMEP	West Metro Education Program
WSS	Work Sampling System
YD/YS	Youth Development/ Youth Service

REFERENCE BOOKS

Cliff Notes for AP Preparation

Those books are specifically designed to prepare students for AP subject tests. Inquire at the bookstore if they are not readily found.

The Fiske Guide to Colleges

By Edward B. Fiske

The former education editor of *The New York Times*, provides lively write-ups on more than 300 colleges and universities replete with statistical summaries and rankings of schools by academics, social life and quality of life.

How to Get Into the Top Colleges

By Richard Montauk and Krista Klein

Excellent resource for all college-bound students (not just for those seeking top-tier schools). Filled with valuable anecdotes, in-depth explanations of standardized tests, advice from admissions counselors and more.

The Insider's Guide to the Colleges

By the staff of the *Yale Daily News*

Billed as a “reality handbook for the college applicant”, this book is written for students by students.

The K & W Guide to Colleges for Students with Learning Disabilities or Attention Deficit Disorders

Published by *Princeton Review*

A resource book for students, parents and professionals. Peterson's has a similar guide.

Peterson's Summer Opportunities for Kids and Teenagers

From wilderness adventures to AP course work for introductory college credit, this guide provides an exhaustive list of possibilities for summer enrichment. From cyber-camp to sailing camp.

Princeton Review Guides or Barron's: SAT I and II preparation

Surviving Senior Year, A Parent's Guide to Successfully Navigating Your Child's Last Year of High School

By Linda B. Keene

Offers advice on everything from senior pictures to money management in a practical month-to-month format.

Tooth and Nail, A Novel Approach to the SAT

By Charles Harrington Elster and Joseph Elliot

Students learn SAT vocabulary words within the context of a mystery novel for a true “learning through reading” experience.

The Ultimate High School Survival Guide – Solutions, not Sermons, for Doing High School Right

By Julianne Dueber

Covers the gamut from math anxiety to anorexia and provides sensible tactics for dealing with many issues.

A Writer's Reference

By Diana Hacker

A user-friendly grammar book. Divided into easy-to-access sections for quick reference. Generally required for 10th grade composition, this book should remain on your shelves for any writing activity.

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