

Edina High School Parent Survival Handbook

An Unofficial Parents' Guide to Navigating EHS

Created by
the EHS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)



2017 - 2018

Welcome from Andy Beaton – EHS Principal

Welcome to Edina High School! Thank you to our PTO for their work in publishing this guide for parents. The information outlined provides resources and support as you navigate the high school experience. Great schools produce quantitative results while creating a culture that provides for tremendous student, staff and community satisfaction. We cannot build such an environment without working together. I value the support you provide to EHS and to your students at home, and we will continue to ask for your input to recognize and address the challenges that lie ahead. To this end, consider joining PTO, and stay connected with your child’s high school experience!

Go Hornets!
Principal Andy Beaton

Welcome from the EHS PTO

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. This year, we want to create a welcoming environment for all EHS families, and help us connect with one another and the school. As such, the EHS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) compiled this comprehensive guide to serve as a road map to help parents navigate their students’ high school careers.

Our goal is to provide easy access to an array of helpful information. Within this interactive guide, you will find websites, contacts, and other material, and links to other pages or websites. Continue to check for PTO updates throughout the school year at edinaschools.org/Page/2889. We hope the 2017-2018 Parent Survival Handbook answers many of your questions. If some remain unanswered, feel free to reach out to the PTO or EHS staff.

Kathryn Koessel
Edina High School PTO President, 2017-2018

About EHS PTO

The EHS PTO is a member-supported organization that welcomes and connects EHS parents. We provide ongoing membership activities, communicate regularly with all EHS families, express appreciation to EHS students and staff through hospitality, and supplement EHS classrooms and experiences with mini-grants and volunteering. We encourage all parents to become PTO members. To join the EHS PTO, visit: edinaschools.org/Page/2887

All parents are invited and welcome to attend the monthly PTO meetings (Wed. mornings)
 2017-2018 dates: **Sept 6** **Oct 11*** **Nov 1** **Dec 6** **Jan 10**
 Feb 7 **Mar 7*** **Apr 4** **May 2** **June 6**
 Time: **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m**
 Location: **EHS Community Room (Room W222)**
 ***On Oct 11 and Mar 7 - Coffee with the Principal - 7:45 - 9 a.m. - Door 6 Atrium**

Your PTO membership dollars provide vital support, including:

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

- **Get Connected Day**
- **Coffee with the Principal** - see above for dates/time/location
- **Parent Forums**
 - Spring 2018 – College Search Process
 - Spring 2018 – Transition to EHS for next year’s incoming students

Financial and operational support to the school and teachers:

- 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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EHS CONTACTS

School Address: 6754 Valley View Road, Edina, MN 55439
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 Fax: 848-3801
Attendance Line: 848-3802
 Health Office: 848-3175
 Media Center: 848-3021
 District Transportation Office: 848-4979
School Website: www.edinaschools.org/edinahigh **Activities Office:** www.edinaschools.org/hornets

Administrators

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Admin Asst - Activities Dept	Kelsey Hans	848-3815	kelsey.hans@edinaschools.org

COUNSELING OFFICE

Counselors

Web address: <http://www.edinaschools.org/Page/5091>

The Edina High School Counseling Office serves students in a number of key areas. Counselors 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.

Department Fax: 952-848-3119

EHS High School Code: 240-708

Counselor	Grades 9-12	E-mail	Phone
Natalie Golberg	A-Br	natalie.golberg@edinaschools.org	848-3187
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Counseling Department Administrative Assistants

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Maggie Carlson	Lao-Z	maggie.carlson@edinaschools.org	848-3129

Access Program

Webpage: www.edinaschools.org/Page/4224

The mission of the Access Program is "to catch our students and encourage, support, and help push them to an individual realistic path beyond high school." Access is an additional resource for students to help prepare and plan for life after high school. Working in collaboration with the counseling department, Access is a place to get help with the college search and application process, registering for ACT and SAT, writing essays, researching and writing scholarship applications, financial aid forms, career exploration, writing resumes, job applications and interviewing skills.

Students are welcome to stop by during Access hours: **Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Access Location: **Room 362P**

Contact: **Heidi Howard**

heidi.howard@edinaschools.org

COMMUNICATIONS

General Information

For an overview of the Communications at Edina High School, visit:

<http://files.constantcontact.com/757d8a0a001/b48f84aa-4090-4ece-8722-f308f980b910.pdf>

Edina High School Website

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

The website is continually updated, so check the webpage for the most up to date information on schedules, upcoming events, school-related information, order forms and deadlines, **District Shortcuts**, and more.

The **Information and Forms tab** on the right side is also helpful for current events and required forms.

Staff Directory/E-mail Addresses

Web Address: <https://www.edinaschools.org/domain/530>

E-mail is the preferred means of communication by most members of the administration and faculty. Staff e-mails 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. Staff is listed by last name in the directory.

Student E-mail

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

Hornet Headlines Newsletter

Webpage: <https://www.edinaschools.org/Page/1214>

Contact: Allison Du Chateau allison.duchateau@edinaschools.org

Hornet Headlines is a bi-monthly newsletter for parents and students sent via e-mail 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 e-mail.

E-mail Blasts

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

EPS In The Know

Great stories are happening every day in Edina Public Schools. *EPS In The Know* is an e-newsletter delivering these stories, as well as other important information, to families every other week. *EPS In The Know* is sent automatically to parents of current students and to those who subscribe to receive the e-newsletter. For those who no longer have children in the District and would like to receive the e-newsletter, visit <http://www.edinaschools.org/Page/1595> to subscribe.

EHS Twitter

Keep informed on Twitter: deadlines, upcoming dates, events. Follow the high school: [@EHSinformed](https://twitter.com/EHSinformed)

EHS Twitter 2017-2018

ADMINISTRATION

Principal @EHSinformed
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
Whigrean @EHS_Whigrean
Zephyrus @edinazephyrus
Edina Link Crew @EdinaLinkCrew
Edina Model UN @EdinaModelUN
EHS Science Bowl @EHS_sciencebowl
Edina Speech @EdinaSpeech
Edina Robotics @FIRSTteam1816
Edina Debate Team @EdinaDebate
Edina 212 Leadership @Edina212
Flyers Athletics @SuburbanFlyers
Hornet Connections @hconnections2
Edina Boys Ultimate @EdinaUltimate
Edina Girls Ultimate @EHSLanternGirls

MUSIC/THEATER

Edina Bands @Edinabands
Edina Orchestra @EdinaOrchestra
Edina Thespians @EHS_Thespians

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 @Edinatennis
Edina Boys Track @EdinahornetTF
Edina Boys Golf @Edinagolf
Edina Boys Cross Country @EdinaXC

GIRLS SPORTS

Edina Girls Tennis @EGTennis
Edina Girls Soccer @EdinaSoccer
Edina Volleyball @EdinaVBallerz
Edina Cheer @edinacheer
Edina Dance Team @EdinaDanceTeam
Edina Girls Basketball @edinagirlsbball
Edina Synchro @EdinaSynchro17
Edina Gymnastics @edinagymnastics
Edina Girls Hockey @EHSgirlshockey
Edina Girls Lacrosse @EdinaGirlsLax
Edina Girls Swim/Dive @EdinaSwimDive
Edina Softball @edinahornetSB
Edina Girls Cross Country @EdinaXCGirls

BOYS & GIRLS SPORTS

Edina Nordic Ski @edinanordicski

Edina High School Publications

Course Catalog

https://www.edinaschools.org/cms/lib/MN01909547/Centricity/Domain/683/registration%202018/course_guide.pdf
Included in the catalog are descriptions for conventional courses and alternative learning experiences, information about graduation requirements, course credits, and general information for the planning of post-high school options.

Student/Parent Directory

www.myschoolanywhere.com

This completely online directory contains family postal addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. The EHS PTO maintains the directory, access to which can be obtained by becoming a PTO member (www.edinaschools.org/Page/2887).

Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook

<https://www.edinaschools.org/cms/lib/MN01909547/Centricity/Domain/120/2017-18%20Rights%20and%20Responsibilities.pdf>

This document outlines District expectations and policies for student conduct.

Edina High School Student/Parent Handbook

www.edinaschools.org/cms/lib/MN01909547/Centricity/Domain/1089/Student%20Parent%20Handbook%202017-18.pdf

This document outlines EHS policies, and academic and general information.

Student Publications

Students apply in the spring to be considered for *Zephyrus* or *Whigrean* (2-semester classes) for the following school year.

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.

WHIGREAN

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

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

Whigrean (formerly *Windigo*) is the EHS yearbook, which can be ordered at Get Connected Day or online through Jostens. Until **Sept. 30, 2017**, the yearbook is \$79 plus tax (**\$85 total**). The price will increase after this date, and the final deadline for yearbook orders is mid-February. Yearbooks will be distributed in late May.

For **senior photos**, senior parents/students must submit formal senior headshots digitally (on-line) to Jostens by **Friday, Nov. 10, 2017**. Families may use the photographer of their choice, and a list of available photographers can be found on the Whigrean website. Yearbook photographers are also available to take lower-cost senior yearbook portraits. **Senior baby photo ads** can be ordered online through Jostens with a deadline of **Thursday, Dec. 1, 2017**. From **Dec. 15, 2017 through Feb. 1, 2018**, students, friends, and families may also submit "**Senior Buddy Ads**" celebrating friendships and achievements, ranging from 1/8-page to full-page size. Deadlines and links to the relevant Jostens websites are specified on the yearbook 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 contact parentportal@edinaschools.org to obtain their key. Students obtain their access key and set up their accounts through the EHS Media Center at 848-3021.

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 parentportal@edinaschools.org. Students can contact the EHS Media Center at 848-3021 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 e-mail addresses and all phone numbers listed.*

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

School attendance alerts are sent using the *e-mail 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 useful 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 e-mail the contact above.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

There are a variety of clubs and activities to meet student’s interests. See below for information on Clubs, Activities, Student-Led Clubs, Independent Sports, Leadership, and Community Service opportunities.

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.*

Activities Day

EHS hosts an Activities Day at the start of the school year. In the 2017-2018 school year, Activities Day is scheduled on **Tues., Sept. 19, 2017** during lunch periods. On Activities Day, representatives from the various activities are available to provide information to interested students.

Standing Clubs and Activities

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

Twitter:	@EdinaHornets		
Contacts:	Joe Burger	848-3817	joseph.burger@edinaschools.org
	Kelsey Hans	848-3815	kelsey.hans@edinaschools.org

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>212 Leadership Group</u> • <u>ASL Club</u> • <u>Breakfast Book Club</u> • <u>Debate</u> • <u>DECA</u> • <u>French Club</u> • <u>German Club</u> • <u>Hip-Hop Dance Club</u> • <u>Hornettes Performance Dance Club</u> • <u>Images</u> • <u>Latin Club</u> • <u>Math Team</u> • <u>Mock Trial</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Model UN</u> • <u>Ping Pong Club</u> • <u>Quiz Bowl</u> • <u>Robotics Club</u> • <u>Science Club</u> • <u>Sober Squad</u> • <u>Soccer Club</u> • <u>Spanish Club</u> • <u>Speech Team</u> • <u>Student Council</u> • <u>Whigrean</u> (yearbook) • <u>YSY - Youth Serving Youth</u> • <u>Zephyrus</u> (Student Newspaper) |
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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 reregister each year. For a complete listing of student-led clubs and academic advisors visit the web address above.

For information on how to register a new club, visit the web address above.

Student Leadership Opportunities

There are many opportunities for leadership at Edina High School such as serving as a captain on an academic or athletic team. Other examples include:

○ **Edina Student Council (StudCo)**

Webpage Address: <http://edinastudentcouncil.wixsite.com/home>

The Edina Student Council organizes dances and other activities such as blood drives, spirit weeks, and building-wide fundraisers. Students interested in serving on Student Council submit an application in the spring for the next school year, and if approved, campaign for a Student Council position. A position is earned through a combined score coming from the popular vote, their application, and their teacher recommendations. Once on the Council, a student is in the 2 semester class for one year, and has to run for re-election at the end of that year. Student Council Advisors are: Colleen Luck and Kimberly Caster.

○ **Edina Link Crew**

Webpage Address: www.edinalinkcrew.org

Edina Link Crew is a student-to-student mentor program that strives to reach ALL incoming students by creating positive peer connections. EHS Link Crew is open to all juniors and seniors interested in building positive connections at our school. The application and selection process takes place in the Spring prior to the following school year.

EHS Link Crew Coordinators are: Jonathan Buckley, Noah Franske, Dylan Hackbarth, Ryann Longley, and Allison Ronglien.

○ **Peer Tutor**

Juniors and seniors who have performed well in specific courses are eligible to serve as EHS peer tutors. Peer tutors receive training in tutoring policies and techniques prior to working with students.

Community Service Letter

Web Address: <http://edinaschools.org/Page/368>

Contact: **Mary Fink**, Youth Serving Youth Supervisor **848-3124** **Mary.Fink@edinaschools.org**

EHS encourages every student to complete 10 hours of community service during high school. Students in grades 9-12 who go above and beyond when it comes to serving others can earn a letter in Community Service. There are three parts to earning a Community Service letter:

1. Due by **December 1, 2017**

- Attend one Mandatory Orientation Meeting (options are: Thurs. Nov. 2 and 16 (during FLEX period), Tues. Nov. 7 at 7:45 am, and Wed. Nov. 8 at 3:15 p.m.) in Room W222 (Community Room).
- Submit an application.

2. Due **March 21, 2018**

- 120 hours of Community Service, 50% of hours (60 hours) addressing a specific cause or issue
- 2 recommendations from supervisor
- Digital photo of student doing service or representing the student's service
- Chemical free

3. Due **May 23, 2018**

- Short story about your service.
- Short story presentation.

The Community Service Letter Recognition Program is scheduled for **Thurs., May 24, 2018 at 7 a.m.** at EHS. Visit the website for Community Service Letter requirements, dates, deadline information, and links to required forms.

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
	Geneva Fitzsimonds	848-4425	geneva.fitzsimonds@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:

- o **Marching Band** – includes all band members grades 10-12. Primarily a fall activity that includes pep fests and performance at the Minnesota State Fair. Summer Band Camp, held in August, is a requirement.
- o **Pep Band** - includes all band members grades 9-12. Primarily a winter activity that includes playing at hockey and basketball games.
- o **9th grade band** - a non-auditioned band for 9th grade students.
- o **10th grade band** - a non-auditioned band for 10th grade students.
- o **Symphonic** – a non-auditioned band consisting of 11th and 12th grade students.
- o **Varsity** – more selective than Symphonic with an audition required. Consists of students in grades 10-12.
- o **Concert Band** – 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.
- o **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

Contacts:	Nick Gaudette	848-3120	nicholas.gaudette@edinaschools.org
	Kristine Wiese	848-3872	kristine.wiese@edinaschools.org

Orchestra Descriptions:

- o **Repertory Orchestra (9th)** - a non-auditioned group of all incoming 9th grade students. Repertory Orchestra builds upon the techniques and foundations needed to be successful in the advanced high school ensembles.
- o **Sinfonia (10-11)** - a non-auditioned group. Students interested in joining Sinfonia 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.
- o **Varsity (10-12)** - 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.
- o **Concert Orchestra (11-12)** - dedicated to students who are performing at the highest orchestral level at the school. Students in Concert Orchestra 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, Concert Orchestra will join forces with select wind, brass, and percussion players from the band program to prepare and perform full symphonic works. Concert Orchestra is composed of 11th and 12th grade students.
- o **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	848-3018	david.henderson@edinaschools.org
	Christopher Piela	848-3166	christopher.piela@edinaschools.org
	Scott Lehrke	848-3347	scott.lehrke@edinaschools.org

EHS has six choirs that meet during the school day: Grade 9 Singers SSA and TTB, Varsity Choir SSA and TTB, Bel Canto Choir, and Concert Choir.

There are five other choirs that meet outside of the school day: Grade 9 SSA Ensemble, TTB Ensemble, Bel Canto Ensemble, Chamber Singers, and Men's Chorus.

Choir descriptions:

- **Grade 9 Singers SSA** - non-auditioned choir for 9th grade soprano/alto voices.
- **Grade 9 Singers TTB** - non-auditioned choir for 9th grade tenor/bass voices.
- **Grade 9 SSA Ensemble** - non-auditioned extra-curricular choir for those 9th grade singers wanting an additional, smaller choir experience.
- **Varsity Choir SSA** - non-auditioned choir for 10th-12th grade soprano/alto voices.
- **Varsity Choir TTB** - non-auditioned choir for 10th-12th grade tenor/bass voices.
- **Grade 10-12 SSA Ensemble** - non-auditioned extra-curricular choir for those Varsity Choir SSA and Bel Canto members wanting an additional, smaller choir experience.
- **Grade 9-12 TTB Ensemble** - non-auditioned extra-curricular choir for those Varsity Choir TTB and Grade 9 Singers TTB members wanting an additional, smaller choir experience.
- **Bel Canto Choir** - auditioned choir for soprano and alto singers in 11th and 12th grade.
- **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** - advanced, auditioned mixed choir for singers in 11th and 12th grade. 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: www.edinatheater.org

Club Advisor:	Tony Matthes	848-3520	anthony.matthes@edinaschools.org
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Facebook:	EHS Thespian Club	https://www.facebook.com/groups/250849094928124/
	EHS Thespian Boosters	https://www.facebook.com/groups/285768408162487/

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

Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Sports Teams

Web Address: <http://www.edinaschools.org/hornets>
 Twitter: @EdinaHornets
 Contacts: Joe Burger, joseph.burger@edinaschools.org, 848-3817
 Kelsey Hans, kelsey.hans@edinaschools.org, 848-3815

Students can get involved in athletics in many ways. Pay close attention to summer camp opportunities, deadlines for registration and health forms, and try-out dates.

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
 Competition 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 (subject to change based on capacity). Athletes can participate in non-cut sports, where they can develop their sport, participate as part of a school team, and potentially letter. All students must meet registration deadlines for sports activities.

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

Web Address: <http://www.edinaschools.org/Domain/61>
 Independent sports teams are available to students. Contact the advisor for more information.

Team	Advisor	E-mail address
Bowling	Susie Van Hoomissen	hoomzger@msn.com
Cycling	Leigh Mazion	mazionleigh@gmail.com
Equestrian	Dawn Moore	dmoore@mhsea.org
Figure Skating	Burt Osborne	Burt.Osborne@minneapolismn.gov
Rugby, Boys	Rob Thoresen	robthoresen@rugbyathletic.com
	Mark Dalton	markrdalton@yahoo.com
Rugby, Girls	Alyssa Kunau	aekunau@gmail.com
Snowboarding	Jessica Zalusky	lettering@thegteam.com
	Kelsey Berquem	
	Chris Holden	
Trap & Skeet	Scott Danielson	edinatrapteam@gmail.com
Ultimate Frisbee, Boys	Nate Wohl	info@edinaultimate.org
Ultimate Frisbee, Girls	Ashley Green	

SOCIAL LIFE

Homecoming Activities

Homecoming Week (weeks of Sept. 25 and Oct. 2, 2017)

The EHS Student Council organizes **Homecoming Week**, with each day of the week having a different Spirit Day theme. Ticket sales for the Homecoming Dance will take place during these two weeks. Each dance ticket comes with a Homecoming t-shirt. Homecoming t-shirts can also be purchased separately for any student unable to attend the dance.

Monday, September 25 (times and locations TBA)

The EHS Student Council will be hosting the **Powder Puff Football** games. Young Women grades 9-12 are encouraged to create teams and come play for a chance at the Championship game on **October 2**. Championship games to be played: 9th grade vs. 10th grade and 11th grade vs. 12th grade.

Wednesday, September 27

The Homecoming King and Queen will be named in a **Coronation Ceremony** held at the end of the school day in the upper gym.

Thursday, September 28

A **Pep Fest** will be held at the school **mid-morning**. The **Homecoming Parade** begins at **4:30 p.m.** at the Edina Country Club and ends at the Edina Community Center. The streets of the parade route are lined with spectators, various clubs and organizations participate, the EHS Marching Band plays, and the parade concludes with cars carrying members of the Homecoming Court.

The **Homecoming Game** will be played on **Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.** **Ticket sales** for the Homecoming football game begin at **5 p.m.** prior to the game at the Kuhlman Field ticket booth. This game sells out quickly so arrive early. NOTE: Parents of students in Hornets, Dance, Hip Hop, Cheer, or Band (or any other group performing) **MUST** buy a ticket to attend the game.

Monday, October 2

The **Bonfire and Championship Powder Puff game** will take place on the Edina High School campus. Typically, there is also a musical showcase with student bands and musical groups performing.

Saturday, October 7

The **Homecoming Dance** is scheduled (see next page).

Sweetheart Activities

Sweetheart Week (week of Feb. 5, 2018)

The EHS Student Council organizes **Sweetheart Week** activities with each day of the week having a different Spirit Day theme.

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018

The Sweetheart King and Queen will be named in a **Coronation Ceremony** held at school at the end of the school day in the upper gym.

Thurs., February 8

A **Sweetheart Pepfest** will be held at the school **mid-morning**.

Sat., February 10

The **Sweetheart Dance** is scheduled (see next page).

Dances

Dances are organized by the EHS Student Council, and are generally well attended. All students are encouraged to attend. Students may attend alone, in single gender groups, in groups with other couples, or in mixed groups with couples and singles. Students are welcome to invite a guest from another school but will need to complete the appropriate paperwork (see below). If students choose to go with a date, they typically find creative ways of inviting dates to dances.

Tickets: Tickets range from \$10-\$35 per student and are sold individually. Each student can only purchase a ticket for himself/herself. There is a deadline for purchasing tickets (deadline will be listed on the school website). No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are purchased online through the EHS Activities and Athletics website at: <http://ehsactivitiesandathletics.registryinsight.com/ittrium/visit?path=A1x1ad1x1x66>

Guests: Students who wish to bring a guest from another school must turn in a Dance Guest Request Form to the EHS Administration with a check for the ticket, due prior to the dance (deadline will be listed on the school website). Refer to school website for link to Dance Guest Request Form.

Before the Dance: Students (and parents) may meet before the dance to take photos at a designated spot (a student's home/yard, public gardens, one of the lakes, or other scenic location). For semi-formal and formal dances, students may exchange corsages/boutonnieres. A YouTube video addressing common questions asked by parents about dances put together by the EHS PTO can be found at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DfksnVZ73-0>

Entry to the Dance: Students must present a photo ID (current school ID, driver's license, state permit), and are informed that there will be random breathalyzer testing done by the Edina Police Department.

Chaperones: Each dance is chaperoned by administrators, teachers, and parents. Parents interested in being a chaperone can contact the EHS Student Council at: edinastudentcouncil@gmail.com

EHS Student Council Advisors:

	Colleen Luck	colleen.luck@edinaschools.org
	Kimberly Caster	kimberly.caster@edinaschools.org

For More Information: Contact the EHS Main Office at 848-3800.

2017-2018 Dances

Homecoming - Sat., Oct. 7, 2017 at Edina High School – semiformal
 Ticket price \$20-\$30 per student; which typically includes a t-shirt or other Hornet souvenir.
 Open to 9-12 graders. Typically, the boys ask the girls to this dance.

Sadie's - Fri., Dec. 1, 2017 at Edina High School – students wear costume attire, depending on grade/friend group.
 Ticket price \$10-\$15 per student. Typically, the girls ask the boys to this dance. Open to 9-12 graders.
 At this dance, **the dress code is strictly enforced**. Contact an Advisor or Administrator for more info.
 Average attendance is 800.

Sweetheart - Sat., Feb. 10, 2018, 8:30-11:30 p.m. at International Market Square – semiformal
 Ticket price \$20-\$30 per student, which typically includes a t-shirt; average attendance is 700.
 Open to 10-12 graders.

Prom - Sat., May 12, 2018, 8:30-11:30 p.m. at US Bank Stadium – formal
 Ticket price \$20-\$30 per student.
 Prom is for seniors. Juniors invited by seniors may also attend. Average attendance is 500.

POLICIES

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)
Morgan Piper, morgan.piper@edinaschools.org, 848-3511 (Elementary and Middle Schools)

The "Laws for Juveniles" handbook can be found at:

<https://www.edinaschools.org/cms/lib/MN01909547/Centricity/Domain/661/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.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

There are many opportunities for parent involvement at EHS. Some examples are:

- Joining the **PTO** and supporting the PTO by serving as an officer, by volunteering for a shift at Get Connected Day, parent forums and other PTO-sponsored activities, or by attending monthly meetings (see PTO section on Page 2, or visit: edinaschools.org/Page/1352).
- Volunteering in the **College and Career Center** for college visits.
Website: <https://www.edinaschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1842>
Contact: **Catherine Groat**, College & Career Center Volunteer Coordinator catherine.groat@edinaschools.org
- Joining the various **Booster Clubs**, such as athletics (including the Edina Athletic Booster Club), music, and theater. See web pages of the various Booster Clubs and activities for more information.
- Chaperoning **school dances** - contact the Edina Student Council at edinastudentcouncil@gmail.com.
- **Junior Year** - helping with security during the senior party public open house (open house is in the afternoon on the day of graduation at the high school) or taking down decorations and planning for next year's party.
- **Senior Year** - volunteering to chair/coordinate various fundraising projects; helping with senior party decorations, set-up, and/or take down; chaperoning the senior party.

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 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 District Transportation Office at 848-4979.

Hazing Policy

<https://www.edinaschools.org/cms/lib/MN01909547/Centricity/Domain/92/Board%20Policy%20Manual/526.pdf>

The purpose of this policy is to maintain a safe learning environment for students and staff that is free from hazing. Hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational goals of the school district and are prohibited at all times. Visit the website for information about the Hazing Policy. If hazing becomes an issue with your student, contact the EHS Administration and/or police.

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. Locker policies are outlined in the EHS Student/Parent Handbook.

Food and Nutrition

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

Students scan their student ID to pay for food. 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 for EHS parking permits begins on **Mon., Aug. 14, 2017** 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. 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 a limited number of permits available each day on first-come, first-served basis. For questions, contact Arlou McPherson in the main office.

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

School Schedule: School is in session from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.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: Beginning in the 2017- 2018 school year, EHS will operate on a Seven Period/Modified Block schedule. For class times and schedules, and what schedule is used on what days, visit:

<https://www.edinaschools.org/Page/4767>

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. Final exam schedules will be listed on the EHS website.

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. Grades in 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, EHS offers 26 AP courses.

Students take AP exams in May; visit <https://www.edinaschools.org/Page/136> for AP exam schedules and more information. AP registration information will be available from EHS in January. Online registration begins in early February. Note the registration deadline, as there is a \$50 late fee per exam.

Students receiving scores of 3, 4 or 5 on AP tests may receive college credit. AP credits awarded by a college may allow students to complete their degree in a shorter time, possibly saving tuition costs. Check with individual institutions of higher education to learn about their AP credit-award system.

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 student's counselor or visit <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. 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 Counselor

The traditional school day is not the best fit for every student or every family. EHS offers several alternatives including credit by assessment, Post Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO), and Hennepin Technical College (HTC). The "Options" program is available at EHS for students who are 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.

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, *Whigean* yearbook deadlines, graduation ceremonies, gown rentals, etc. Feeling connected is an important component in the high school 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. For information about participating institutions, information sessions, application deadlines (usually early spring), and other links, visit: <https://www.edinaschools.org/Page/2897>

Tuition, fees and required textbooks are provided at no cost to students. Funds are available to help pay transportation expenses for qualifying students. 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.

Hennepin Technical College (HTC)

www.edinaschools.org/cms/lib/MN01909547/Centricity/Domain/683/registration%202018/htc_reg_guide_17-18.pdf

If your student leans toward "hands-on" experiences, HTC is an option. Courses focus on career skill development experiences and exploration. Bus transportation is provided. HTC enrollment for the following semester of the next school year is guaranteed if all forms are submitted by Feb. 28.

"Options" at Edina High School

Webpage: <https://www.edinaschools.org/Page/1369>

Coordinator: Heidi Howard heidi.howard@edinaschools.org

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. The program 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. 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.

Work Experience Lab and On the Job Courses

In Work Experience Lab, students develop career awareness and knowledge of the work of work. Work Experience Lab is a prerequisite to "On the Job" course, in which students are released from school to work in the community after attending school for a minimum of four hours daily, fulfilling the requirements for academic and related instruction. Student progress is evaluated by employer and teacher coordination.

Additional Academic Support and Enrichment Opportunities

For more information, refer to:

- **Edina High School Course Guide**
www.edinaschools.org/cms/lib/MN01909547/Centricity/Domain/683/registration%202018/course_guide.pdf
- **Student's Counselor and/or websites and contacts listed below.**

AVID

Webpage: <https://www.edinaschools.org/Page/2722>

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

"Advancement Via Individual Determination" (AVID) is a college readiness program offered in 7th through 12th grade. Students interested in AVID must complete an application process, and be accepted to confirm entry into AVID. The AVID College Readiness System (ACRS) accelerates student learning by using research-based methods of effective instruction, and empowers students to become self-advocates for their own learning. 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.

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 internship (20 hours/wk), and added college counseling. Students complete an interest form in their junior year, and in-person interviews run from late March to early April, with notification of acceptance at the end of April. Once accepted into the program, students begin a 14-month comprehensive program that includes an 8-week summer skills training program, then placement into a paid internship at a top company in the metro area. Most students attend school in the morning, and work at their corporate internships in the afternoons during weekdays. The program's mission is "to transform the lives of disadvantaged high school students through skills training, meaningful internships and impactful relationships." For more information, visit genesysworks.org/twincities.

Freshman Seminar

Support class designed to assist 9th graders in their transition to high school.

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.

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 personalized academic support and enrichment necessary for successfully completing high school and transitioning to the next steps. 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. Students registered will also be notified to complete an application prior to final acceptance.

EHS Tutor Centers

Web address: <https://sites.google.com/a/edinaschools.org/the-writer-s-block/>

Coordination: Leigh Ann Thul leigh.thul@edinaschools.org

The EHS tutor centers (Writing Center and SMath Center) are staffed by peer coaches and EHS staff members. Both centers provide a friendly, affirming environment where students can ask peer coaches for the help that they need.

Writing Center

Teacher Facilitator: Kristin Benson kristin.benson@edinaschools.org

The purpose of the Writing Center is to provide individualized support for any student who is engaged in the writing process. The Writing Center 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.

Location: Room E239 (Green Door of Cafeteria)

Hours: Open all periods during the day. The Writing Center is closed during Flex Block, and not currently available before and after school.

How to access the Writing Center:

- Students in all grades may elect to go to the Writing Center during their Student Prep time.

What to do:

- Students need to bring a copy of the assignment, brainstorming, outline or a draft of their essay. Whatever stage students are in, the Writing Center is there to help.

- Students need to have an idea of what they would like to focus on during the writing conference.

- Students are advised to plan ahead to make sure they have time for revisions.

- The Writing Center can also help with college essays.

- If students are unable to have a conference with a writing coach, students can refer to "**Quick Fixes for Common Problems**" at: <https://sites.google.com/a/edinaschools.org/the-writer-s-block/quick-fixes-for-common-problems>.

SMath Center

Teacher Facilitator: Alex Galt alexis.galt@edinaschools.org

Available to help students with homework from any math or science course.

Location: Room E238

Hours: Open all periods of the day. Closed during Flex Block, and not currently available before and after school.

How to access the SMath Center:

- Students in all grades may elect to go to the SMath Center during their Student Prep time.

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.

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 costly, and private sessions can run \$50 an hour or more, depending on the tutor. Note that current Edina Staff cannot provide tutoring services or recommendations per district policy.

SOCIAL WORK SUPPORT

Web Address: www.edinaschools.org/Page/1370

Social Workers:	Jill Bents	848-4481	jill.bents@edinaschools.org
	Student Last Names:	A – Br, Lao – Mor	
	Ebony Gums	848-3154	ebony.gums@edinaschools.org
	Student Last Names:	Bu – Hau, Rom – Swa	
	Laura Livesay	848-3139	laura.livesay@edinaschools.org
	Student Last Names:	Hav – Lan, Mos – Rol, Swb – Z	

EHS social workers team with the counseling department to provide social and emotional support to students. Services may include individual check-ins and/or support groups. All groups are organized and facilitated by school social workers to meet the needs of the students. Examples of such groups include Grief Support and Stress Management. For more information, contact your student’s respective social worker.

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Students can bring their personal devices to the Media Center for basic troubleshooting. For questions, contact the EHS Computer Paraprofessionals.

Peter Blackwell	848-3026	peter.blackwell@edinaschools.org
Hannah Krueger	848-3024	hannah.krueger@edinaschools.org

COLLEGE PREP

Parents' Tips on College Prep

- Encourage your student to attend college information sessions for colleges that interest your student. The schedule of college representative visits to EHS is listed on Naviance.
- 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.
- EHS students apply to an average of six 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 or early decision.

College and Career Center

Web Address: <https://www.edinaschools.org/Page/1842>

The College and Career Center (CCC) is part of the Counseling Office at EHS. The CCC also coordinates visits from over 250 college representatives each year. 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 schedule of college visits is posted on Naviance.

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, and may sign up to volunteer for regular shifts or for the substitute list (see page 17).

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 e-mails 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.

SENIOR INFORMATION

Class Rings

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

May Term

Senior students will have options for May Term. Additional information is distributed to the seniors throughout the school year. See student's counselor for details.

Off Campus Lunches

<https://www.edinaschools.org/cms/lib/MN01909547/Centricity/Domain/1089/2017%20Open%20Campus%20Form%20Final.pdf>

Off campus lunch is available only to juniors and seniors, with parent permission. The Open Campus Release Form is 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 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 Jostens for the yearbook (*Whigreen*) by **Friday, Nov. 10, 2017**. Visit the *Whigreen* 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.

Academic Awards for Seniors

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 10, 11, and the first half of grade 12 are designated as Edina Scholars. For the purpose of determining Edina Scholars, PSEO grades shall be considered equivalent to those earned at EHS. The designation, Edina Scholar, is placed on the graduation ceremony program and the student's record.

Edina Scholar with Distinction

These students have met the requirements for Edina Scholars and have also served 100 hours or one semester of service to EHS through peer tutoring.

Scholar Athletes

Each May the Edina Athletic Booster Club recognizes those graduating seniors who have maintained a minimum cumulative GPA of a 10.5 (through 3rd quarter senior year) AND have lettered in at least one recognized varsity sport while in high school (10th - 12th grades).

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. Below is a list of graduation eligibility checklist/requirements.

Graduation Eligibility Requirements/Graduation Assessment Testing

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021
<u>Graduation Requirements Checklist</u>	<u>Graduation Requirements Checklist</u>	<u>Graduation Requirements Checklist</u>	<u>Graduation Requirements Checklist</u>

On **February 27, 2018**, 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.

In 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.

For more information about **Statewide Testing**, visit the MN Department of Education website at:
<http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/fam/tests/>

For the **Parent/Guardian Guide to Statewide Testing**, visit the MN Department of Education website at:
<http://education.state.mn.us/mdeprod/groups/educ/documents/hiddencontent/bwrl/mdu5/~edisp/mde059689.pdf>

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.

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 e-mail from colleges and universities.

This test is highly recommended for juniors as well as sophomores (to take as a practice exam). Students register for PSAT in the fall; the 2017 test is scheduled at EHS on **Wed. Oct. 11, 2017 - 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.** For more info, visit: <https://www.edinaschools.org/Page/1881>

ACT – American College Testing is a college entrance exam test accepted by colleges and universities in the U.S. The ACT consists of subject area tests in English, Mathematics, Reading and Science (multiple choice). The ACT with writing includes the four subject area tests plus a writing test. The subject area tests are reported on a scale of 1 to 36, and the optional writing test is scored from 2-12.

Often students take the exam more than once to improve his/her score. Students may select which set of scores to send to colleges or scholarship programs, although colleges may request all scores. ACT will release only the scores from the test date (month and year) and test location that the student designates. More information can be found at www.act.org/.

SAT - The Scholastic Assessment Test is another college admissions assessment test. Students can choose to take either the SAT or ACT test. For score reporting, students may select which SAT scores to send to colleges; however, colleges and scholarship programs may require students to send all scores. There are three multiple-choice sections on the SAT: Reading, Writing and Language, and Math (no calculator and calculator sections), plus an optional essay. Scores for each section are reported on a 200 to 800 scale, with three separate scores for the essay (reading, analysis, writing) on a scale of 2-8.

Many students take the SAT or ACT during their junior and/or senior year. Many students take the ACT or SAT twice – in the spring as a junior and in the fall as a senior. 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. Some colleges require SAT Subject Tests in addition to the SAT or ACT.

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 Subject Test in U.S. History that spring. Most colleges that require the SAT Subject Tests request literature, math [Level 1 (algebra and geometry skills) or Level II (elementary functions, trigonometry, algebra, and geometry)], 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>.

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 <https://www.edinaschools.org/Page/136>

ACT, SAT, PSAT, and AP Test Dates for 2017-18 School Year

Visit <https://www.edinaschools.org/Page/1876> for information on Testing dates, registration, and requirements.

PSAT Test will be offered at Edina High School on **Wed. Oct. 11, 2017 from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.** - see previous page.

ACT testing will be offered at Edina High School on Sat., Sept. 9, Oct. 28, Dec. 9, 2017, and Feb. 10, April 14, 2018

SAT testing will be offered at Edina High School on Sat., Nov. 4, Dec. 2, 2017, and May 5, 2018.

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**.

AP Testing - Students take AP exams in May; visit <https://www.edinaschools.org/Page/136> for AP exam schedules and more information. AP registration information will be available from EHS in January. Online registration begins in early February. Note the registration deadline, as there is a \$50 late fee per exam.

USEFUL ACRONYMS

ACT	American College Testing
ALC	Alternative Learning Center
AP	Advanced Placement
AVID	Advancement Via Individual Determination
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress
CES	Community Education Services
CEU	Continuous Education Unit
CP	Continuous Progress (Program)
CRC	Community Resource Center
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
FTE	Full-Time Equivalent
GPA	Grade Point Average
LSN	Licensed School Nurse
MASA	Minnesota Association of School Administrators
MCA	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments
MDE	Minnesota Department of Education
MSBA	Minnesota School Boards Association
MSHSL	Minnesota State High School League

NCTE	National Council of Teachers of English
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)
PSAT	Preliminary Scholastic Achievement Test
PSEO	Post Secondary Enrollment Options
PTO	Parent Teacher Organization
ReReRe	ReNew, ReUse, ReCycle
RTI	Response to Intervention
SAT	Scholastic Achievement Test
SV/SVMS	South View Middle School
UCSMP	University of Chicago School Mathematics Project
UMTYMP	University of Minnesota Talented Youth in Mathematics Program
VV/VVMS	Valley View Middle School
WEB	Where Everyone Belongs
YSY	Youth Serving Youth

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.

SAT or ACT preparation guides

Commonly used guides are Princeton Review or Barron's Test Prep.

A Writer's Reference

By Diana Hacker and Nancy Sommers

A user-friendly grammar book. Divided into easy-to-access sections for quick reference.

Colleges that Change Lives

Profiles liberal arts colleges that offer alternatives to Ivy League schools.

By Loren Pope, former *New York Times* education editor.

EDINA HIGH SCHOOL MAP

Note: As EHS is undergoing construction, please visit the EHS website or EHS Main Office for an updated map.