



Edgewood Jr./Sr. High School

2019-20 School Profile

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Our Mission

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

Our Vision

To seek excellence in who we are, what we know, and what we do.

The School of Choice

Edgewood Jr./Sr. High School is located in Brevard County, which borders the Atlantic Ocean, near the middle of the Florida Peninsula. Edgewood serves 950 students in grades 7 through 12. The school houses 87 faculty and staff members. Edgewood is a School of Choice that has served the area since 2001 and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In 2019, according to US News and World Report, Edgewood Jr./Sr. High School in Merritt Island, Florida, ranked 84th nationally and 10th in the State of Florida. In 2018, the Washington Post ranked Edgewood as the 34th most challenging high school in the nation. Edgewood was awarded Florida Arts Model School status in the areas of Music and Visual Arts. Edgewood is also recognized as a Florida Power Library School. In February 2014, Edgewood was recognized as a National Model PLC School. In 2009, Edgewood earned its National Senior Project Certification. In 2008, Edgewood was recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. In January of 2017, the U.S. Department of Education nominated Edgewood for the National Blue Ribbon a second time. In May of 2018, Edgewood was named a Suicide Prevention School.

The students of Edgewood share a common goal of high academic achievement, and they thrive in an environment with fewer students than most high schools. All middle school courses are taught at an advanced level, and high school courses are offered at the honors or advanced placement levels. Additionally, students are expected to meet the graduation requirements for a Diploma of Distinction. This includes additional coursework, a senior project, and 25 hours of service learning per year. The student's parent/guardian must also volunteer for the school at least 20 hours per year. Another unique focus for Edgewood is the homeroom concept; in 7th grade, students are assigned a homeroom teacher who rolls up with the students each year until they graduate. This long-lasting interaction creates a unique bond and support system for students. To support students' social-emotional needs, Edgewood restructured the traditional school day to include "Indian Time" which expands the lunch period and increases student opportunities for success. Teachers offer tutoring and provide opportunities for make-up work, as well as create a time and space for extended learning activities.

Student Selection

Students must qualify to attend Edgewood based on grades and test scores. After qualifying, students are selected through a random lottery process. Students must maintain "on-grade level" academics to be considered for re-enrollment in the appropriate grade. "On-grade level" is defined as maintaining proficient EOC and FSA scores in mathematics and reading, and maintaining C's or better in each core class.

Faculty

The faculty is made up of 57 teachers and 3 administrators. The teacher-student ratio is 25:1 in core high school courses and 22:1 in core middle school courses. Fifty-six percent of the Edgewood faculty hold a Master's degree or higher. Twenty-five percent of the Edgewood faculty are gifted endorsed.

Grading and Ranking

Edgewood uses the following grading scale:

A=90%-100% B=80%-89% C=70%-79% D=60%-69% F=59% and less

Advanced Placement courses are weighted by one point if a student earns a grade of C or higher. Academic Dual Enrollment courses are weighted by one point if a student earns a grade of C or higher. Honors courses are weighted by .5 if a student earns a grade of C or higher. All credit classes are included in computing grade point average and class rank. Grades are recorded on the transcript, and class rank and grade point average are computed in January and May.

Curriculum

The academic curriculum encompasses a faster-paced learning environment, which prepares students for college level studies. Students can take Accelerated, Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, and Virtual School courses while working toward a Diploma of Distinction. This Diploma of Distinction requires additional high school credits and three consecutive years of a world language. Students are required to earn a minimum of 28 credits for graduation. This includes:

English	4 credits	Social Studies	4 credits	Career Research & Decision Making	.5 credit
Math	4 credits	Foreign Language	3 credits	Practical/Performing Arts	1 credit
Science	4 credits	Hope (Health/PE)	1 credit	Other Electives	5.5 credits
Communications Methodology, Science Research or AP Capstone (Senior Project)					1 credit

Edgewood students graduate with a Diploma of Distinction which requires the following:

- Earn 28 credits
- Accelerate at least once in middle school by taking and passing a high school course
- Accelerate at least twice in high school by taking and passing college level courses (AP or Dual Enrollment)
- Complete 3 years of a world language (all 3 years must be sequential)
- Complete 25 hours of service learning per year
- Qualify for at least one scholarship
- Maintain a competitive career/college portfolio
- Complete a senior project
- Demonstrate leadership

Senior Leadership

Edgewood seniors are enrolled in either Communications Methodology (an honors level senior leadership course), Science Research or Advanced Placement Capstone Research. These "Senior Project" courses allow students the opportunity to develop research skills, practice public speaking, presentation development, research paper and thesis writing, as well as product creation. Community members partner with the school to judge the senior presentations providing students with a real-world connection between the academic and work worlds. The senior project is comprised of four main components including: scholarly research paper, product, portfolio, and professional Power Point presentation. Edgewood Jr. /Sr. High School is a nationally certified senior project school.

Dual Enrollment

Students may take college courses at Eastern Florida State College and Florida Institute of Technology as a part of their school day. The Class of 2019 had 9 students graduate high school with an AA degree from Eastern Florida State College.

Advanced Placement

Students may enroll in Advanced Placement (AP) courses based on teacher and College Board recommendations. Students may pursue the Advanced Placement International Diploma, which allows students to demonstrate outstanding academic achievement on AP exams across several disciplines. AP Capstone students are able to earn an AP Capstone Diploma or an AP Capstone Certificate. Over 80% of Edgewood's 9th-12th grade students are enrolled in one or more Advanced Placement courses. Edgewood offers 28 different AP courses from which students may choose. They include:

<i>Biology</i>	<i>Calculus AB</i>	<i>Calculus BC</i>	<i>Capstone Research</i>	<i>Capstone Seminar</i>
<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Computer Science Principles</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>English Literature</i>	<i>Environmental Science</i>
<i>European History</i>	<i>Human Geography</i>	<i>Latin</i>	<i>Macroeconomics</i>	<i>Microeconomics</i>
<i>Music Theory</i>	<i>Physics 1</i>	<i>Physics C: Mechanics</i>	<i>Psychology</i>	<i>Spanish Language</i>
<i>Spanish Literature</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Studio Art: Drawing</i>	<i>Studio Art: 2-D</i>	<i>Studio Art: 3-D</i>
<i>U.S Government</i>	<i>U.S. History</i>	<i>World History</i>		

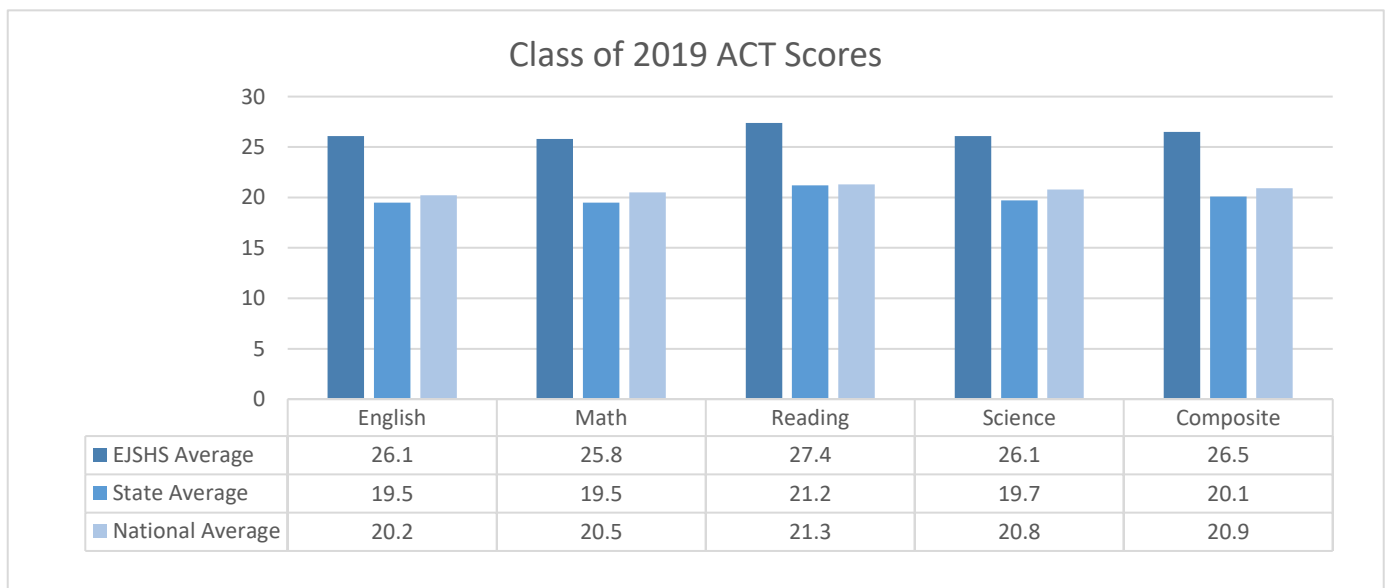
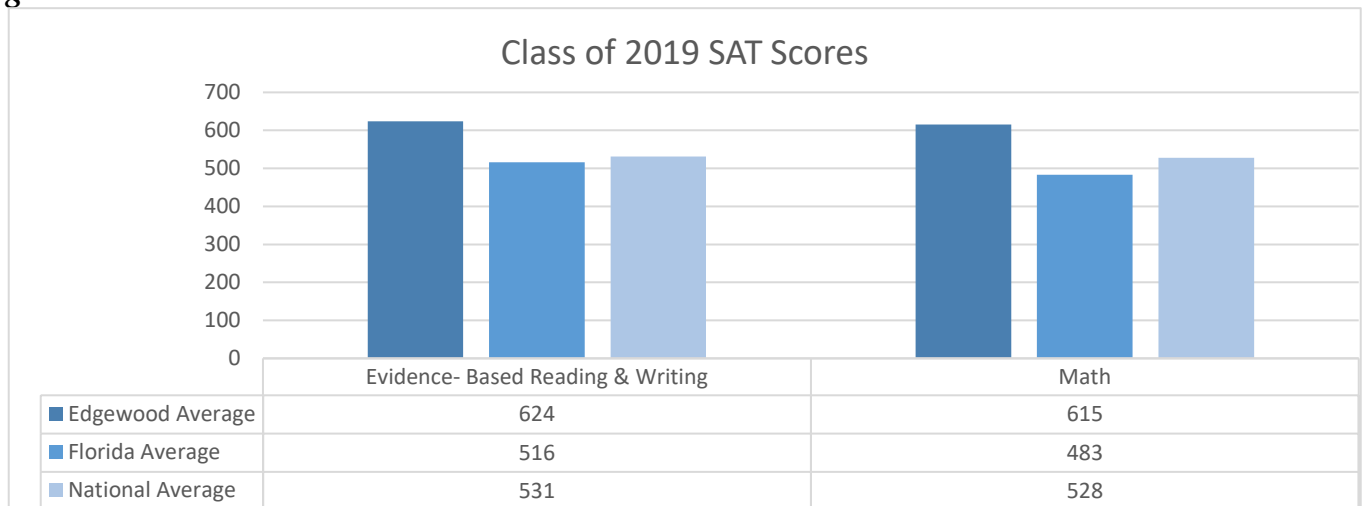
AP Testing History

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total Students Enrolled	430	464	475	451	439
AP Subject Exams	25	23	29	28	26
Students Taking Exams	430	467	475	451	439
Total AP Exams Given	999	1105	1207	1145	1146
Students Scoring 3 or Above	68%	67%	71.2%	71.6%	73%

AP Scholars

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
AP Scholars	88	74	92	98	88
Scholars w/Honors	29	29	30	32	34
Scholars w/Distinction	52	62	71	74	71
National AP Scholars	13	14	21	16	26
AP Capstone Diploma	NA	NA	13	19	18
AP Seminar & Research Certificate	NA	NA	1	4	1

College Entrance Exam Scores



National Merit Scholars

Graduating Class	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Commended	3	2	6	8	6	6
Semifinalists	3	2	3	3	1	6
Finalists	3	2	3	3	1	1
Scholars	3	2	1	2	1	TBA
National Hispanic						2

College Matriculation (2010-2019)

Asbury University	Hollins University	Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville
Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale	Indiana University	Stetson University
Auburn University	Jacksonville University	Syracuse University
Ballwin-Wallace College	Johnson & Wales University	The Citadel
Bates College	Kansas State University	The City College of New York
Berry College	Keiser University	The King's College, NY
Brigham Young University	Kent State University	The Ohio State University
Clemson University	Kettering University	The University of Kansas
Colgate University	Liberty University	The University of Tennessee
Converse College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Thomas University
Cornell University	Moorehead State University	United States Coast Guard Academy
Davidson College	New College of Florida	United States Merchant Marine Academy
Daytona State University	New York University	United States Naval Academy
Delft University (the Netherlands)	Norwich University	University of Arkansas
Duke University	Notre Dame University	University of Central Florida
Earlham College	Oberlin College	University of Denver
Eastern Florida State College	Ohio University	University of Florida
Elon University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Miami
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Parsons School of Design	University of Nebraska
Embry-Riddle University	Pratt Institute	University of North Florida
Emory University	Purdue University	University of Pennsylvania
Flagler College	Reed College	University of South Carolina
Florida Atlantic University	Rice University	University of South Florida
Florida Gulf Coast University	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Virginia
Florida Institute of Technology	Roanoke College	University of West Florida
Florida International University	Rollins College	Vanderbilt University
Florida Polytechnic University	Saint Leo University	Virginia Tech University
Florida School of the Arts	Salem College	Webber International University
Florida Southern College	Savannah College of Art and Design	Wesleyan College
Florida State University	School of Art Institute of Chicago	Williams College
Georgia Institute of Technology	School of Visual Arts (N.Y.)	Yale University
Grinnell College	Southeastern University	

