

2023-2024

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Edgefield County School District

Student Enrollment Guide

2023-2024 School Year

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Section 1 - Top Ten Things to Know Prior to the 2023-2024 School Year

#1 Student Registration

Link to register existing students: <https://ps.edgefield.k12.sc.us/public/>

PLEASE NOTE: New students must register at their zoned school to receive a Parent Portal account with proper documentation.

#2 Parent Portal

Link: <https://www.edgefield.k12.sc.us/domain/46>

#3 Car Line Drop Off/Pick Up

Start early on the first few days. *Safety must be everyone's priority!*

#4 Daily School Start and End Times

Elementary Start Time: 7:30 a.m.

Middle Start Time: 7:45 a.m.

High Start Time: 8:00 a.m.

Elementary End Time: 2:15 p.m.

Middle End Time: 3:08 p.m. (car) 3:11 p.m. (Bus)

High End Time: 3:20 p.m.

#5 Bus Information

ECSD Transportation Phone Number: (803) 275-1776

Online Registration Link to Ride 360: <https://www.edgefield.k12.sc.us/domain/38>

#6 Breakfast & Lunch Information

Online Student Registration Link: <https://www.edgefield.k12.sc.us/domain/20>

#7 School District Website

Link: <https://www.edgefield.k12.sc.us/>

#8 School Websites

Douglas Elementary: <https://www.edgefield.k12.sc.us/Domain/8>

Johnston Elementary: <https://www.edgefield.k12.sc.us/Domain/10>

Merriwether Elementary: <https://www.edgefield.k12.sc.us/Domain/12>

W.E. Parker Elementary: <https://www.edgefield.k12.sc.us/Domain/16>

JET Middle School: <https://www.edgefield.k12.sc.us/Domain/11>

Merriwether Middle School: <https://www.edgefield.k12.sc.us/Domain/13>

Strom Thurmond High School: <https://www.edgefield.k12.sc.us/Domain/15>

Strom Thurmond Career & Technology Center: <https://www.edgefield.k12.sc.us/Domain/14>

Adult Education & Family Literacy Center: <https://www.edgefield.k12.sc.us/Domain/9>

#9 School Principals

Douglas Elementary – Mrs. Hagans, lehagans@edgefieldcountyschools.org

Johnston Elementary – Mrs. Martin, tfmartin@edgefieldcountyschools.org

Merriwether Elementary – Mr. Lee, blee@edgefieldcountyschools.org

W.E. Parker Elementary – Mrs. Quattlebaum, cgquattlebaum@edgefieldcountyschools.org

JET Middle School – Ms. Courtney, dcourtney@edgefieldcountyschools.org

Merriwether Middle School – Mrs. Clark, mtclark@edgefieldcountyschools.org

Strom Thurmond High School – Mrs. Altringer, fbaltringer@edgefieldcountyschools.org

Strom Thurmond Career & Technology Center – Dr. Gray, aegray@edgefieldcountyschools.org

Adult Education Center – Mrs. Butler, vcbutler@edgefieldcountyschools.org

#10 Technology Website/Laptops Information

Link: <https://www.edgefield.k12.sc.us/domain/37>

Section 2 – Changes to Our Enrollment Process for the 2023-2024 School Year

#1 Transportation

After July 4th, parents and families may be required to follow a ten-day process of approval when requesting bus transportation, no matter the time of year.

#2 Proof of Residency

Returning to the same school with no change in address students will not be required to provide proof of residency. A returning student is identified as a student who was enrolled in an Edgefield County School as of the last day of the previous school year.

#3 School Fees

Schools in Edgefield County School District WILL NOT charge base school fees starting in 2023-24. Please note that additional fees for certain classes may continue to apply, especially at the secondary level.

#4 Online Assistance, If Needed

During the month of June, each school will host their own online assistance day that will occur at some point after the last day of the 2022-2023 school year. Please see the dates and times below when schools will be prepared to assist you in person, if needed.

Douglas Elementary - June 14th - 7:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Johnston Elementary - June 13th - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Merriwether Elementary - June 13th - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
W.E. Parker Elementary - June 13th - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Merriwether Middle - June 12th - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
JET Middle - June 12th - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
STHS/STCTC High - June 12th - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Section 3 – Out-of-District Process Clarification

Out-of-District Process

Families are encouraged to read the process listed below if they wish to attend a school that is not included in the current attendance zone where parents and students live daily. Please note that completing the application for out of zone or district consideration **DOES NOT** guarantee enrollment.

Out of Zone (Example: Student resides in Edgefield County, but not in the zone for the school in which they are requesting to enroll)

Need to provide for proof of residence.
Families will need to complete out of zone application(s) and provide a statement as to why they need to attend a different school.

Out of District (Example: Student does not reside in Edgefield County)

The family will need a release letter from their district of residence.
Families will need to complete an out of district application and turn in directly to the school.

The order of student consideration is as follows:

Students are zoned for specific schools.
Students are residents of Edgefield County
Students do not reside in Edgefield County

Section 4 – PowerSchool Parent Access Information

All parents/guardians are required to have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account. Once created, you will be able to check your student’s schedules, grades, and attendance. You will also be able to complete online enrollment for the next school year as well as complete certain forms or

documents. Please contact your child's school to receive your Web ID and Password letter. Parent Portal accounts can be accessed through a desktop or laptop, or you may download the PowerSchool Mobile app as outlined below.

To set up your Parent Portal account, please follow the steps below. PLEASE NOTE: There is a graphic to assist you with this process located on the final page of this document:

1. On a PC, tablet, or phone, log on to: <https://ps.edgefield.k12.sc.us/public/>
2. Click on "Create an Account".
3. Create a parent account by following the prompts.
4. Link yourself to your child/children with the access ID and password for your child/children from the Web ID and Password letter(s). Click submit.
5. Once your account is created, log into the Parent Portal to access your child's information in PowerSchool.
6. You may customize the information you wish to see and the frequency of emails for grades and attendance.

Adding Another Student After the Account has Been Created:

1. Log into to the Parent Portal.
2. On the left-hand side are several clickable links, choose *Account Preferences*.
3. In the middle of the screen you will see two tabs, Profile and Students. Select *Students*.
4. This will direct you to a page with any child you have already added to your account.
5. Select the *Add Button*. This will direct you to a new page where you may register another child. You will need their Web ID and Password letter to be able to add them.
6. To toggle back and forth between children, you will select their names from the tabs at the top of the screen.

PowerSchool Mobile App:

1. Create account as outlined above (*account cannot be set up through the mobile app*).
2. Download the PowerSchool mobile app from your phone's app store.
3. Open the PowerSchool app.
4. When prompted to enter the district code, please enter *GTBD*.
5. Enter the username and password you created when setting up your account.
6. You can now see your child's information with one click of the PowerSchool mobile app.
7. Some options available in the Parent Portal may not be accessible through the mobile app at this time.

Accessing/Completing My Child's/Children's Online Enrollment Form from Parent Portal:

1. Log into your Parent Portal Account.
2. Once you have the correct student selected, you will see an *Online Enrollment* link on the left scroll bar.
3. Click the link and it will direct you to your child's *Online Enrollment* form to complete and submit.

ECSD Forms and Surveys

1. Log into your Parent Portal account.
2. On the left, click on the **Forms** option.
3. At various times throughout the school year, you may be asked to complete a form or survey, either for the school, school district, or from the S.C. Department of Education Participation in these surveys and completion of the forms will help us collect data and may possibly drive funding for your child's school. We respectfully ask that you complete any requested form or survey.

Setting Up Your PowerSchool Parent Portal Account



Follow these steps to create your PowerSchool Parent Portal Account.

1 Check your mail or email for your student's **Access ID** and **Access Password**

2 Log into ps.edgfield.k12.sc.us/public

3 Click on **Create an account**

4 Fill in **Create Parent Account**

5 **SUCCESS** Verify your email address and you are ready to sign in
*Check your SPAM folder just in case you don't see the email.

