

Edgewood High School
SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWSLETTER
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Other Resources

- ACCESS - College & Career Advising with Mrs. Smith at Edgewood High School
- Community Counseling - Social Emotional Support
- YO! (Youth Opportunities) - Tutoring & Life Skills

Important Forms (Available Online)

- Request to See your EHS Counselor - <https://tinyurl.com/EHSOfficeRequest>
- Transcript Request Form - <https://tinyurl.com/TranscriptsEHS>
- Schedule Change Request Form - <https://tinyurl.com/EHSCourseChange>

The School Counseling Department newsletter you are now reading will be available to you each month. The information presented will help students navigate through your high school years and plan for “life after high school.” Please take a few minutes each month to carefully read this newsletter and share it with your parents.

UpComing Events

- **October 12th** - Picture Day at EHS
- **October 13th** - No School for EHS Students
- **October 15th** - Deadline to apply for CCP for Spring Semester at KSUA
- **October 26th** - End of 1st Grading Period for EHS
- **October 27th** - No School for EHS Student

IMPORTANT NEWS

PICTURE DAY at EHS

All EHS and A-tech students will have their picture taken at EHS on October 12th. Students who attend A-tech will need to drive to EHS and arrive by 7:30 a.m. to have their picture taken. The bus that goes to Atech will depart from EHS later that morning so that those students can also have their picture taken. All students must get their picture taken for the yearbook, even if they are not purchasing pictures.

TALENT SHOW at EHS

Student Council is hosting a talent show on Friday, November 10th. This is open to all Buckeye students in grades 6-12. For more information on how to audition, email Ms. Fischer c.fischer@buckeyeschools.info or Ms. Kato t.kato@buckeyeschools.info.

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morning announcements will be available on video every Friday. They can be viewed on the Edgewood Media YouTube account.

BAND INFO

Senior band members and athletes will be recognized at the last home football game on Friday, Oct. 20. The eight grade band will also join our high school band for the halftime performance that evening. On Tuesday, Oct. 24 there will be a Marching Band Concert in EHS gymnasium at 7:00 pm

SCOIR

All EHS and A-tech students have been invited to create an account in SCOIR. SCOIR is the new one-stop online system that provides students with college and career planning tools. In SCOIR, students can request transcripts and letters of recommendation, and register for upcoming college visits at EHS.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

All EHS and A-tech students have been sent an invite to the EHS Google Classroom to their Buckeye email. Here is the code to join the EHS Google Classroom: abtba4b. All announcements and communications will be available in Google Classroom.



SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

When applying to any college or technical school, students should always fill out the separate scholarship/financial aid application which some institutions provide as part of the application.

All need-based financial aid is granted only after parents complete a form called the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Students are encouraged to file the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. This application is scheduled to become available in December. Students and parents/guardians can now apply for their FSA ID at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/>.

Because of the volume of Internet information available to families about scholarships, we will list scholarships in the EHS Google Classroom when agencies notify us about a specific opportunity.

Otherwise, students and families should research:

- The individual college's or university's website on Scholarship and Financial Aid.
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.gocollege.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.cappex.com

SENIOR CONFERENCES

This important conference is your first graduation requirement of the year. At your appointment time, you will meet individually with your respective counselor to review the necessary requirements for June graduation. It is also a good time to formulate and pursue your goals for the future, whether they are educational or occupational. Counselors are a good resource for ACT, SAT, technical school, apprenticeship, college, and career information. Senior conferences will begin in mid September. For students who attend Atech, your EHS counselor will review your credits with you at one of the home school meetings at Atech. You can meet with your Atech counselor for help with anything or schedule an appointment with your EHS counselor. You will receive an email to your EHS email account asking you to sign up for your conference.

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS SPRING DEADLINE

- October 15th is the deadline to apply for CCP for Spring 2024. If you are interested in taking class in Spring of 2024, and have submitted the Letter of Intent last spring, you must submit your application no later than October 15, 2024.
- Who needs to fill this out? First time CCP Students and Students who previously participated in CCP, but are not currently in CCP.

APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeships are standard in over 400 occupations. In an apprenticeship, the employee learns a skilled trade through a combination of theoretical class work and on-the-job training for a prescribed period of time (between 1 and 6 years). The programs vary in length, rate of pay, and intensity between various trades, but upon completion, each employee becomes a journeyman, or skilled craftsman. Fields offering apprenticeships include: automotive mechanics, heating and air conditioning repair and installation, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, firefighting, and jewelry design.

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MILITARY

Entering the military after high school is another avenue, and there are a number of options for military service. It can be a great way to start a career and learn discipline. In addition to a full-time stint, there are ROTC scholarships in over 2300 colleges, which will cover your tuition (and then some) in exchange for 10 hours weekly of classroom and field training, and 4 years of active duty. Military recruiters from the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and National Guard are in the cafeteria during lunch on a regular basis.

COMMON MYTHS ABOUT COLLEGE

Myth #1 ~ It's better to get good grades than take challenging courses in high school. Even modest success in advanced or accelerated courses indicates to a college that you seek and can handle challenging courses, like those you will find in college. Taking challenging courses will help you get into a selective college.

Myth #2 ~ You should go to a prestigious college. You should go to the college that "fits" you best. If it happens to be prestigious, that's fine. However, fit has to do with how you feel when you are on campus, the match with how you learn and how the professors teach, and the academic pressure you can handle. If the college and you are not a good match, you will be unhappy regardless of the prestige.

Myth #3 ~ I need to decide on a career before I can choose a college. College is a time to explore. Except in a few specific cases, you can choose a major in your sophomore year and still complete the degree in four years. A surprising number of students discover their career while taking a course they didn't expect to enjoy. Don't let well-meaning friends pressure you into deciding on a major field or a career at this time. Take your time.

COLLEGE FALL PLANNING GUIDE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

- Complete standardized testing: ACT and/or SAT.
- Visit colleges and apply for admissions.
- Conduct scholarship searches.
- Register for an FSA ID for the FAFSA for you and a parent at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/>
- Ask EACH college if forms other than the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are required.

HELPFUL HINTS WHEN EMAILING COLLEGES

DO:

- Choose an appropriate email screen name for your college correspondence.
- Give your full name and contact information on each email note.
- Be as polite and respectful in emails as you would a face-to-face meeting or telephone conversation. Your notes are a reflection of you and may be added to your admission file.
- Use proper punctuation and avoid using acronyms as much as possible.
- Use the "Reply with History" function to help admissions personnel remember the questions you asked in previous emails.
- Check the school's website before you send your email questions. You may be able to find the answers on your own.

DON'T:

- Use subject titles like "ImportantInformation" or "Please Read!" that are commonly used in junk mail or viruses and are screened out of many systems.
- Use attachments unless instructed. People are wary of attachments since they may carry viruses.
- Send blanket emails to a lot of institutions at once. Do some research and ask specific questions indicating genuine interest in particular colleges.

COLLEGE APPLICATION INFORMATION

- Many of you may be starting to work on your college applications. You must use SCOIR to indicate colleges you have applied to and request letters of recommendations. Because we will not know when you have applied, you must also complete the Senior transcript request form.
- November 1st is a common deadline for Early Decision, Early Action, and scholarship opportunities at many schools. If you are going to apply for a November 1st deadline, please remember to request your materials two weeks in advance.
- Letters of Recommendations - If you need a letter of recommendation from a teacher, please give them two weeks notice. Remember to request the recommendation from a teacher who knows your academic performance and can attest to your positive character traits.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTS

Many colleges have gone TEST OPTIONAL, meaning you do not have to submit your ACT/SAT Scores to be admitted. Depending on the school you are applying to and what your test score is, you may want to submit your test score. Test scores may also still be required for scholarships or admission to specific programs.

There are two college entrance tests – the **SAT** and the **ACT**. Check the colleges of your choice to learn which test is required. Register for these tests on the web.

If you are a junior or senior and participate in Free/Reduced Lunch, your school counselor can give you a fee waiver to cover the cost of the test - including late fees. Also, by using a fee waiver you will receive additional access to test prep materials for free. Please do not wait until the last day to register to request a fee waiver because the school counselors may not be available.

2023-2024 ACT And SAT TEST DATES **EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL TESTING CODE: 360-220**

Please note: All 11th grade students will take the ACT Test for free at EHS in February of their 11th grade year.

ACT TEST DATES

Test Date

October 28, 2023
December 9, 2023
February 10, 2024
April 13, 2024
June 8, 2024

Registration Deadline

September 22, 2023
November 3, 2023
January 5, 2024
March 8, 2024
May 3, 2024

Late Registration

October 6, 2023
November 17, 2023
January 19, 2024
March 22, 2024
May 17, 2024

Register and Prepare for the ACT at www.act.org. Visit ACT's web site or see ACT's New Student Site for a full set of sample test questions, along with complete answer explanations, test-taking strategies, and detailed analyses of each section of the ACT Assessment—all at www.actstudent.org

SAT TEST DATES

Test Date

October 7, 2023
November 4, 2023
December 2, 2023
March 9, 2024
May 4, 2024
June 1, 2024

Registration Deadline

September 7, 2023
October 5, 2023
November 2, 2023
February 23, 2024
April 19, 2024
May 16, 2024

Late Registration

September 26, 2023
October 24, 2023
November 21, 2023
February 27, 2024
April 23, 2024
May 21, 2024

Register and Prepare for the SAT at www.collegeboard.com. -Take an analogy tutorial. Sign up for Question of the Day. Learn about the SAT's format. Read explanations about the verbal and math questions. Practice with real SAT questions. Get valuable test-taking strategies.