

The Edgewood Experience

An innovative STEAM program gives students real-world experiences.



Edgewood

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Mounds View Public Schools



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Grades 6-8
Enrollment: 659

We're personal

Every student has a **Personal Learning Plan** focused on post-secondary success.

At Edgewood, teachers and staff get to know each of their students personally.

Personal Learning Plans

Every Edgewood student has a Personal Learning Plan (PLP). Deans work with students to create unique goals by analyzing academic data and personal connections. Teachers use students' test scores and achievement data to tailor their daily instructional approach, and students and parents can view progress and receive performance benchmark data throughout the year by logging into the online parent portal, ParentVUE.

A personal program

Edgewood's comprehensive curriculum includes core classes like math, social studies, language arts and science as well as allied arts classes such as art, Spanish, integrated sciences, health and physical education, digital citizenship and coding, music and career education.

Edgewood's curriculum is based on the District's learner outcomes, which incorporate state and national academic standards. Teachers concentrate on skills-based lessons at all levels of learning and differentiate their instruction to meet the learning needs of each student.

Schedule

Each class meets every day and class periods are 49 minutes in length except for days with our modified schedule to accommodate the STEAM program.

Instructional technology

Edgewood is committed to implementing technologies that best align with instructional needs.

- Wireless access points are available throughout the building, making the Internet accessible in classrooms and all areas of the school.
- All instructional spaces are equipped with LCD projectors.
- As part of the District's technology vision, access to technology tools will continue to increase in classrooms. Increased access to technology provides students with opportunities to extend



their learning beyond the classroom walls and allows teachers to personalize instruction to meet the needs of all students. Technology used to support high quality instruction and student learning at Edgewood includes SMART Boards, Chromebooks, iPads and laptops. These devices offer students access to online resources such as Google Apps for Education. Access to these resources provides opportunities for students to process ideas and collaborate with their peers.



By integrating an arts component to the concepts of science, technology, engineering and math, Edgewood Middle School offers the curriculum enhancements of a STEAM program. This innovative curricular focus offers standards-based learning activities for students that integrate inquiry, creative expression and problem solving. The use of technology and engineering processes are applied to learning activities to engage students and promote understanding of relevant societal realities. Community partnerships draw on the talents of local companies and organizations to help Edgewood implement a program with real-world value for students.

“Teachers encourage and support my child.”

93%

– 2018 parent survey

Safe & supportive

With the school's **dean model**, students experience a supportive relationship with an adult who maintains contact with students and their families regularly.

A variety of programs and services create a welcoming, positive environment throughout Edgewood Middle School.

Dean model

Replicating the successful dean model of our high schools, Edgewood assigns students to deans according to the alphabetical order of students' last names, not to their grade levels. This way, all of the deans have experience navigating all of the grade level challenges and opportunities in our schools. Also, all the deans can help students with the transitions both to middle school and from middle school into high school. The deans stay with the same students for all three years at Edgewood.

'In the Middle' day

Every year starts with a full-day orientation for sixth-graders only. Teachers and support staff are available to help students learn how to navigate middle school life with insights on activities, a building tour, locker orientation and a review of our STEAM program.

Edgewood PRIDE

Prepared, Respectful, Involved & Determined Everyday (PRIDE) is Edgewood's plan for supporting students and recognizing positive behavior. Students celebrate their successes by earning "You Matter" postcards and attending after-school PRIDE dances and events.

Transportation

Mounds View Public Schools provides free bus service for Edgewood students living two miles or more from their school. In addition, the District offers fee-based bus service within two miles, to accommodate parents' requests for transportation assistance.



Nutrition services

Edgewood teaches healthy eating habits by introducing students to a wide variety of food choices. Students can enjoy breakfast and lunch and an after-school snack daily. All menus meet nutrition requirements established by the USDA. Families may apply to receive free or reduced-price meals based on need.

Notifications

Ongoing communications about District and school news and events are delivered to parents and subscribers weekly via paperless e-newsletters. Emergency notifications can be delivered to all families in a matter of minutes in the event of a school closing or critical situation. The Mounds View Messaging system sends personalized voicemail and text messages to parents' phones and email addresses simultaneously.

Students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch

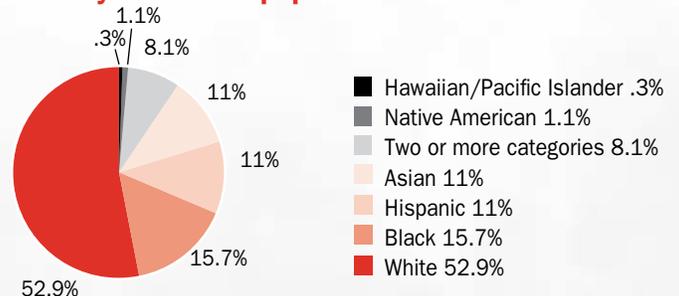
46.9%

Students receiving special services

Special Education 15.1%

English as a second language 5.6%

Diversity of student population



Demographics and enrollment data were compiled in November 2018.

Connectedness

Feeling connected to school is a key to academic success.

Students who feel connected to their school do better in school and in life beyond our walls. That's why Edgewood Middle School emphasizes student connectedness through a variety of efforts.

Get involved

Edgewood boasts an orchestra with instruction available to students in grades six-eight. Band and choir instruction is also available at all grades. Large group rehearsals are held daily in grades seven and eight and every other day in sixth grade. Instrumental lessons are held on a one-on-one or small-group basis.

Before- & after-school programs

Edgewood offers a variety of academic, social and recreational activities designed for students in all grades. These before- and after-school programs offer some free, fun and constructive opportunities for students to spend their time productively. Activity buses accommodate student transportation needs during after-school hours. Activities are subject to change.

- **Computer Club** – Students check homework completion and collaborate on the computers during this social time.
- **Edgewood Eagle Leaders** – Students serve the Edgewood community by leading food drives, cleaning up at events and other service projects determined by group members. Eagle Leaders also lead Edgewood school spirit events such as dress-up days, holiday grams and more.
- **F.A.N. Club** – This program provides early morning fitness, academic support and nutrition through the Edgewood breakfast program. Students can rotate through three FAN stations (open gym, homework time, games, social time with friends and eat breakfast).
- **Friday Open Gym** – Students take a bus to the Mounds View Community Center for one hour of open gym and physical activity with the Community Center staff.
- **FTC Robotics Team** – FIRST Tech Challenge is designed for students who want to compete head-to-head using a sports model. Teams design, build and program their robots to compete on a 12' X 12' field in an alliance format against other teams.
- **Girls' Ensemble, Jazz Band and Chamber Orchestra** – Students may audition for these various music clubs. The groups perform at school music concerts and other school-sponsored events.
- **LEO Club** – A community service club sponsored by the Mounds View Lions. Students create important connections with the community through service opportunities, fundraising events such as the Spaghetti Dinner and Waffle Breakfast, as well as helping with the annual Edgewood Pride events.
- **Math Team** – Math Team encourages students to participate in math contests, enables students to meet "mathletes" from other schools and provides recognition for students excelling in mathematics.

- **Quiz Bowl** – Students practice their general knowledge skills in this fun, high-energy competition. Edgewood competes against other districts throughout the year.
- **Reading Zone, Science Zone & Writing Lab** – Students have quiet time to work on assignments, as well as get help from teachers and retake tests.
- **Teen Leaders Club** – Students work with the YMCA staff at the Mounds View Community Center to create community service projects and gain leadership experience through fun activities. Free time to do art projects and play in the gym are also included.
- **Yearbook Club** – Help take pictures and create memories for the Edgewood Yearbook. Be a part of the design team and photography group to make the yearbook unique and special.

Online parent portal

Edgewood parents are encouraged to play an active role in their child's school experience. Parents can stay connected to their student's daily schedules, attendance records, assignments, lunch balances, test scores, grades, Personal Learning Plans and more using the Mounds View Public Schools online parent portal known as ParentVUE. The online portal, combined with open communication with school deans, teachers and staff, offers parents real-time information about their student's progress, goals and more.

Communication hours

In addition to the two-way communication feature in ParentVUE, Edgewood offers proactive communication hours during which teachers reach out and connect with families regarding student progress in real time.

Edgewood parents

Parent/school partnerships and volunteer opportunities are available through Edgewood Parents and Teachers (EPAT).

The Laurentian experience

A highlight of every year, Edgewood seventh-graders have the opportunity to attend a multi-day environmental team-building and leadership development experience at the District's Laurentian Environmental Center in the Superior National Forest in Northeastern Minnesota. Students participate in hands-on exercises like navigation and mapping to learn science, math and environmental lessons. More importantly, students learn leadership and problem-solving skills by participating in team-building missions and rock-climbing exercises amid acres of wilderness and diverse wildlife habitat.



High achievement

Edgewood students perform two or more years ahead of their national peers in math and reading.

– Median performance of students on the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress.



Edgewood Middle School is a member of Mounds View Public Schools, a school district of more than 11,000 students whose test scores routinely rank in the Top 10 of metro districts. Mounds View Public Schools matches the performance and opportunities of area private schools, yet offers the value of public schools.

Find additional MCA, District and school assessment results on the Minnesota Department of Education Data Center website: <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Data>

Assessments Results 2017-2018

District Northwest Evaluation Association: Measures of Academic Progress Reading RIT

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
School Median	219.5	224	229
National Median	216	218	220
District Median	225	230	232

District Northwest Evaluation Association: Measures of Academic Progress Math RIT

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
School Median	233.5	238	246
National Median	225	229	231
District Median	240	245	249

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment: MCA Scale Score

	Grade 6 Reading	Grade 6 Math	Grade 7 Reading	Grade 7 Math	Grade 8 Reading	Grade 8 Math	Grade 8 Science
School Average	654.93	651.37	752.08	749.15	853.59	851.84	848.80
State Average	654.30	649.46	751.17	749.55	851.22	850.54	846.23
District Average	658.81	656.10	756.78	754.51	856.82	855.75	849.33

The Equity Promise:

- Programs and services will be in place at all schools to ensure that race, gender, class and disability will not predict students' success.
- Students' academic performance will not fall into patterns identifiable by factors such as race, ethnicity, English language proficiency, socio-economic status and disability.
- The school that a student attends will not be the predictor of his or her success in school.



Post-secondary planning

In eighth grade, Edgewood students take the EXPLORE exam. This exam provides a baseline assessment for future ACT results. It also offers an effective tool for planning future high school coursework to prepare for post-secondary success.

A popular choice

Year after year, we consistently enroll more than 80 percent of the students in our attendance area.

Students who attend Edgewood Middle School will go to Irondale High School.

Edgewood welcomes students in its attendance area, which includes Mounds View and parts of New Brighton and Shoreview. To enroll, residents can call 651-621-6625.



“My child receives a high quality education here.” **93%**

- 2018 parent survey

