

2025-2026

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GUIDE





# Edgefield County School District

## Student Application/Enrollment Guide

### 2025-2026 School Year

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#### Section 1 - Things to Know Before 2025-2026

##### **#1 – APPLICATION/ENROLLMENT**

**Currently enrolled students** - Parents/guardians will receive an email from Final Forms with instructions to complete the set-up of the parent account. An email will be received to confirm the account. You may then log in to Final Forms beginning March 8, 2025, to complete the registration process and sign the necessary documents.

**NEW to the District or Returning to the District Students** - Students must be registered at their zoned school. Proof of Residency and/or proper documentation must be provided prior to creating a Final Forms account. Once completed, the Final Forms registration process may be completed.

**PLEASE NOTE:** New students from out of district will be encouraged to reach out to the preferred school to begin the registration process by April 15th. Students will be accepted as space is available. While requests for out of district students will be accepted after that date, as space provides, parents and/or guardians are encouraged to provide the required information to ensure we can accommodate space for all students and remain committed to our target class size.

##### **#2 - CAR LINE DROP OFF/PICK UP**

Start early on the first few days. Your child's safety is our top priority.

### **#3 – DAILY SCHOOL START AND END TIMES**

- Elementary Start Time: 7:30am      Elementary End Time: 2:20 p.m.
- Middle Start Time: 7:45 a.m.      Middle End Time: 3:08 p.m. (Cars) 3:11 p.m. (Buses)
- High Start Time: 8:00 a.m.      High End Time: 3:20 p.m.

### **#4 - BUS INFORMATION**

ECSD Transportation Phone Number – (803) 275-1776

Online Registration Information for the My Ride K-12 Mobile App:

<https://edgefield.k12.sc.us/departments/transportation>

### **#5 – BREAKFAST & LUNCH INFORMATION**

Online Registration Link: <https://ecsdchildnutrition.com/>

### **#6 – SCHOOL WEBSITES**

Douglas Elementary - <https://des.edgefield.k12.sc.us/>

Johnston Elementary - <https://jes.edgefield.k12.sc.us/>

Merriwether Elementary - <https://mes.edgefield.k12.sc.us/>

W.E. Parker Elementary - <https://wep.edgefield.k12.sc.us/>

J-E-T Middle School - <https://jet.edgefield.k12.sc.us/>

Merriwether Middle School - <https://mms.edgefield.k12.sc.us/>

Strom Thurmond High School - <https://sths.edgefield.k12.sc.us/>

Strom Thurmond Career & Technology Center - <https://stctc.edgefield.k12.sc.us/>

Adult Education & Family Literacy Center - <https://jlc.edgefield.k12.sc.us/>

### **#7 – PARENT PORTAL**

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

### **#8 – SCHOOL PRINCIPAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

Douglas Elementary – Mrs. Burton, [wmburton@edgefieldcountyschools.org](mailto:wmburton@edgefieldcountyschools.org)

Johnston Elementary – Mrs. Martin, [tfmartin@edgefieldcountyschools.org](mailto:tfmartin@edgefieldcountyschools.org)

Merriwether Elementary – Mrs. Brown, [sbbrown@edgefieldcountyschools.org](mailto:sbbrown@edgefieldcountyschools.org)

W.E. Parker Elementary – Mrs. Goldman, [cmgoldman@edgefieldcountyschools.org](mailto:cmgoldman@edgefieldcountyschools.org)

J-E-T Middle School – Mr. Newsome, [pnnewsome@edgefieldcountyschools.org](mailto:pnnewsome@edgefieldcountyschools.org)

Merriwether Middle School – Mrs. Clark, [mtclark@edgefieldcountyschools.org](mailto:mtclark@edgefieldcountyschools.org)

Strom Thurmond High School – Mrs. Risher, [kirisher@edgefieldcountyschools.org](mailto:kirisher@edgefieldcountyschools.org)

Strom Thurmond Career & Technology Center – Dr. Gray, [aegray@edgefieldcountyschools.org](mailto:aegray@edgefieldcountyschools.org)

Adult Education Center – Mrs. Butler, [vcbutler@edgefieldcountyschools.org](mailto:vcbutler@edgefieldcountyschools.org)

### **#9 – TECHNOLOGY WEBSITE/LAPTOP INFORMATION**

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

### **#10 – ECSD DISTRICT WEBSITE**

LINK - <https://www.edgefield.k12.sc.us/>

## Section 2 - Enhancements to Application/Enrollment Process for 2025-2026

#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. Due to keeping safety a top priority, ensuring route information is in the state required system before a student rides a route while confirming the size and logistics is something we take very seriously.

#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)** The schools in Edgefield County School District will not charge base school fees for 2025-26. 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 2024 -2025 school year. Please see school websites or call the school after April 1st to get that information.

## Section 3 – Out of District Application 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 on a daily basis. 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 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)

- 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:**

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

## Section 4 – PowerSchool Parent Access Detailed Information

All parents/guardians are now 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 certain forms and 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, there are graphics of this process on the next page:**

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. Login 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 added to your account.
5. Select the Add button. This will direct you to a new page where you can add your other children. 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.

**Mobile App:**

1. Create an account as outlined above. **The account cannot be set up through the mobile app.**
2. Download the PowerSchool mobile app from your phone's device store.
3. Open the PowerSchool app.
4. When prompted to enter the district code, please enter GTBD.
5. Enter your 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.



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](https://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.



