

2026-2027

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GUIDE





Edgefield County School District

Student Application/Enrollment Guide

2026-2027 School Year

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Section 1 - Things to Know Before 2026-2027

ENROLLMENT AND APPLICATIONS

REGISTRATION – FINALFORMS LINK

<https://edgefield-sc.finalforms.com/>

CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS

Parents/guardians may log into their FinalForms account beginning February 20, 2026, to read, update, sign necessary documents, and complete the registration process for 2026-2027.

4K – CERDEP PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

Parents who wish to apply for the CERDEP (4K) Program will access the application online this year.

The FinalForms application should be completed in its entirety with all forms signed and submitted prior to coming to their zoned school to provide required documentation.

The initial application window for 4K will be February 20, 2026 - March 13, 2026. March 6, 2026, is the designated, in person school assistance day where parents could come to receive support with the online application and/or bring documentation. While March 6th has been set aside to support families that may need assistance with submitting documents or completing online registration, documents may be turned in to your child's zoned school any time after the online enrollment application has been completed.

No DIAL Screening will occur on March 6th

NEW TO DISTRICT STUDENTS

Students may be registered online for enrollment consideration anytime beginning February 20th, 2026. All required documentation and proof of residency must be provided prior by the first day (7/28/2026) of school.

CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS WITH ADDRESS CHANGES

Students may be registered online beginning February 20, 2026. If there is an address or guardianship change – Proof of Residency and/or proper documentation must be provided prior to the first day of school, (7/28/2026). This documentation and online forms must be provided/signed before students are considered enrolled for the 2026-2027 school year.

Schools may reach out to parents/guardians with additional questions and/or documentation requests.

PLEASE NOTE: Families who are not zoned for Edgefield County school District are encouraged to reach out to the preferred school to begin the registration process beginning February 20, 2026. Students will be accepted as space is available. 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 sizes. It is important to note, out of district students will not be considered for admission if all required documentation and forms have not been signed, submitted, and completed. The date of acceptance for out of district students varies by school. Parents may contact the preferred school for additional information.

CAR LINE - DROP OFF & PICK UP

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

DAILY SCHOOL START AND END TIMES

Level	Start Time	End Time
Elementary	7:30 AM	2:20 PM
Middle	7:45 AM	3:08 PM (cars) 3:11 PM (buses)
High	8:00 AM	3:20 PM

TRANSPORTATION

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>

FOOD SERVICES – BREAKFAST & LUNCH

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

SCHOOL WEBSITES & PHONE NUMBERS

School	Website	Phone Number
Douglas Elementary School	https://des.edgefield.k12.sc.us/	803-275-1752
Johnston Elementary School	https://jes.edgefield.k12.sc.us/	803-275-1755
Merriwether Elementary School	https://mes.edgefield.k12.sc.us/	803-279-9993
W.E. Parker Elementary School	https://wep.edgefield.k12.sc.us/	803-637-4020

J-E-T Middle School	https://jet.edgefield.k12.sc.us/	803-275-1997
Merriwether Middle School	https://mms.edgefield.k12.sc.us/	803-279-2511
Strom Thurmond High School	https://sths.edgefield.k12.sc.us/	803-275-1768
Strom Thurmond Career & Technology Center	https://stctc.edgefield.k12.sc.us/	803-275-1767
Adult Education & Family Literacy Center	https://jlc.edgefield.k12.sc.us/	803-275-4158

PARENT PORTAL

Link: <https://edgefield.k12.sc.us/studentsparents/powerschool-portal>

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL CONTACT INFORMATION

SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	EMAIL
Douglas Elementary	Ms. Windie Burton	wmburton@edgefieldcountyschools.org
Johnston Elementary	Ms. Tammy Martin	tfmartin@edgefieldcountyschools.org
Merriwether Elementary	Ms. Sara-Beth Brown	sbbrown@edgefieldcountyschools.org
W.E. Parker Elementary	Ms. Charidy Goldman	cmgoldman@edgefieldcountyschools.org
J-E-T Middle School	Mr. Patrick Newsome	pnnewsome@edgefieldcountyschools.org
Merriwether Middle School	Ms. Mindy Clark	mtclark@edgefieldcountyschools.org
Strom Thurmond High School	Ms. Kristin Risher	kirisher@edgefieldcountyschools.org
Strom Thurmond Career & Technology Center	Dr. Alan Gray	aegray@edgefieldcountyschools.org
Adult Education Center	Dr. Vickie Butler	vcbutler@edgefieldcountyschools.org

TECHNOLOGY WEBSITE/CHROMEBOOK INFORMATION

Link: <https://edgefield.k12.sc.us/departments/technology/information>

ECSD DISTRICT WEBSITE

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

Section 2 - Enhancements to Application/Enrollment Process for 2026-2027

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

Students returning to the same school with no change in address 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 2026-27. Please note that additional fees for certain classes may continue to apply, especially at the secondary level.

4. ONLINE ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE

All schools will offer face-to-face online enrollment assistance during the summer. Please visit the website or contact your zoned school for more information.

Section 3 – Out-of-Zone and Out-of-District Application Processes

Families requesting their child(ren) attend a school other than the school for which they are zoned are encouraged to review this section carefully. Please note that completing the application for out of zone or out of district consideration does not guarantee enrollment.

OUT OF ZONE

Student resides in Edgefield County, but is not zoned for the school in which they are requesting to enroll

- Provide Edgefield County proof of residency
- Complete Out-of-Zone Application(s) and provide a statement detailing the reason for the request.

OUT OF DISTRICT

Student does not reside in Edgefield County

- Complete an Out-of-District Application and turn in to your preferred school of attendance
- Submit a copy of a release letter from your district of residence to your preferred school of attendance

The order of student consideration is as follows:

1. Students who are zoned for the preferred school
2. Students who are residents of Edgefield County but not zoned for the preferred school (out of zone students)
3. Students do not reside in Edgefield County (out of district students)

Section 4 – PowerSchool Parent Access Detailed Information

All parents/guardians are required to create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account. Once created, you will be able to check your student's schedules, grades, and attendance. Once enrolled, please contact your child's school to receive your Web ID and Password. Parent Portal accounts can be accessed through a desktop or laptop, or via the PowerSchool Mobile app.

PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT CREATION

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 internet browser 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 ADDITIONAL STUDENTS

To add more than one student to your account, please follow the steps below.

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 INSTRUCTIONS

To take advantage of the Parent Portal mobile app, please follow the steps below. It is important to note that your Parent Portal account must be created prior to using the mobile app.

1. Create account as outlined above.
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

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.*

