

WELCOME TO

EASTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

New Student Guide

2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR



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WELCOME TO THE PACK!

A QUICK REMINDER

You do not have to figure everything out on your own. Your teachers, counselor, administrators, Link Crew leaders, coaches, librarians, nurses, and other students are all resources.

Starting at a new high school can feel overwhelming. Eastlake is a large, active high school with academics, athletics, clubs, performing arts, leadership opportunities, and support services for students.

Eastlake emphasizes curiosity, creativity, communication, authenticity, integrity, responsibility, empathy, teamwork, service, initiative, perseverance, and reflection.

1. YOUR FIRST DAYS AT EASTLAKE

If you are a brand-new student

Eastlake provides a new-student registration process through the Counseling Department.

If you are new to Lake Washington School District, enrollment begins online. You may need documents such as a birth certificate or passport, and you will work through the course-selection and scheduling process.

Once your schedule is complete, your counselor will communicate with your parent/guardian. New students also receive assistance getting connected to:

- Skyward
- Microsoft Teams
- Their school laptop
- Their class schedule
- Online textbooks and resources

LWSD provides students in grades 6–12 with a school laptop for educational use.

New Student Orientation

For the 2026–27 school year, Eastlake lists a New Student Orientation for grades 10–12 on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, from 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Freshman Orientation / Link Crew

Eastlake's Link Crew program pairs upperclassmen with incoming ninth graders. The goal is to help freshmen feel connected and supported during their first year.

For 2026–27, the school lists the ninth-grade Link Crew orientation for Thursday, August 27, 8:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

2. FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND

Eastlake is a large campus. Your schedule will show the room number for every class.

First-week strategy

Before the first day:

1. Look at your schedule.
2. Identify every classroom.
3. Figure out where the main office is.

4. Find the Counseling Center.
5. Find the library.
6. Find the cafeteria/commons.
7. Locate the gym and athletic facilities.
8. Find the entrances/exits you will use.
9. Give yourself extra time between classes during your first week.

TIP

Don't worry if you get lost. Ask another student or an adult for directions. Most students have been in the same situation.

3. YOUR SCHEDULE AND DAILY ROUTINE

Eastlake publishes a 2026–27 Daily Schedule with schedules organized by week and month. The school specifically recommends students bookmark the Daily Schedule page because schedules can vary.

IMPORTANT

Important things to watch for

Your schedule may include different types of days, including:

- Regular school days
- Adjusted schedules
- Extended homeroom/Wolf Time
- Testing days
- Early-release days
- No-school days
- Special activity days

Always check the Eastlake Daily Schedule rather than assuming every day follows the same bell schedule.

4. WOLF TIME, ACTIVITIES & SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Eastlake provides opportunities for students to connect outside of regular classes.

The school uses student leadership, Link Crew, ASB, grade-level leadership, and School Senate to give students opportunities to participate in the school community.

Why get involved?

Joining something is one of the fastest ways to make friends at a new school.

You do not need to be an expert, officer, varsity athlete, or senior to participate.

Try something because:

- You are interested in it.
- You want to meet people.
- You want to explore a possible career.
- You want to serve the community.
- You want to develop leadership skills.
- You want something fun to do after school.

5. CLUBS & STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Eastlake has a very large selection of clubs and interest groups.

Examples include:

ACADEMIC / STEM

- Computer Science Honor Society
- Math Honor Society
- Physics Club
- Science National Honor Society
- Science Olympiad
- Robotics
- HOSA
- Engineering Club
- AI Club
- Astronomy Club
- Chemistry Club
- Girls Who Code
- Science Research Club
- Technology Student Association

ARTS / CREATIVE

- Art Club
- Drama Club
- Band Club
- Orchestra/Symphony Club
- Creative Writing
- Photography
- Film Club
- Crafting Club
- Drumline

LEADERSHIP / SERVICE

- Key Club
- National Honor Society
- DECA
- Mock Trial
- Model UN
- Sammamish Community Club
- Women in Leadership
- Political Advocacy Club

CULTURE & COMMUNITY

- Black Student Union
- Indian Student Association
- Japanese Culture Club
- Korean Culture Club

- Latinos Unidos
- Multilingual Club
- Muslim Student Association
- Pride Club
- Asian Culture Club
- Disabled Student Union

JUST FOR FUN

- Chess Club
- Dungeons & Dragons
- Strategy Board Games
- Investment Club
- Fashion Club
- Book Club
- Formula 1 Performance Collective
- Wolves Lax Club

The official club list changes from year to year, so students should check the Eastlake Clubs page for the current meeting schedule and whether a particular club is active.

Starting a Club

Students can propose new interest groups. Eastlake requires students to follow the ASB approval process, and new club applications are subject to the school's requirements and deadlines.

6. ATHLETICS

Eastlake offers a wide range of sports.

FALL SPORTS

- Cross Country
- Football
- Boys Golf
- Girls Soccer
- Girls Slowpitch Softball
- Girls Swim & Dive
- Boys Tennis
- Volleyball

WINTER SPORTS

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Cheer
- Dance
- Girls Flag Football
- Girls Gymnastics
- Boys Swim & Dive
- Boys & Girls Wrestling

SPRING SPORTS

- Girls Badminton
- Baseball
- Girls Golf
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Fastpitch
- Girls Tennis
- Track & Field
- Unified Soccer

Eastlake also lists summer opportunities for several sports.

IMPORTANT**Important athletic information**

Students participating in athletics must complete the required registration process and have a current physical on file. Eastlake uses FinalForms for sports registration.

Do not wait until the first practice to investigate registration. Sports often have deadlines and preseason requirements.

7. ACADEMICS

Eastlake offers a broad range of academic opportunities.

The 2026–27 course catalog emphasizes development of both intellectual strengths and character, including curiosity, creativity, effective communication, integrity, responsibility, empathy, teamwork, service, initiative, work ethic, perseverance, and reflection.

Depending on your interests and grade level, academic options may include:

- Standard courses
- Honors courses
- Advanced Placement (AP)
- Career & Technical Education (CTE)
- College-credit opportunities
- University of Washington in the High School
- CTE Dual Credit
- Running Start
- Online/out-of-district course options

Students should talk with their counselor before making major changes to their academic plan.

8. CHOOSING CLASSES

Your counselor can help you think beyond just next semester.

Consider:

Graduation requirements

Make sure you are taking the courses you need to graduate.

Your future plans

Think about whether you may be interested in:

- Four-year college
- Two-year college
- Trade school
- Military
- Career & Technical Education
- Apprenticeships
- Workforce
- Gap-year opportunities

Balance

You do not need to take the hardest possible schedule in every subject.

A strong schedule is one that challenges you while still allowing you to:

- Learn
- Sleep
- Participate in activities

- Maintain relationships
- Take care of yourself
- Be successful academically

Eastlake provides four-year planning resources through the Counseling Department.

9. COUNSELING CENTER

The Counseling Center is one of the most important places for a new student to know.

Counseling services include support related to:

- Course selection
- Graduation requirements
- Schedule questions
- Transcripts
- College and career planning
- Post-high-school planning
- Academic concerns
- Personal/social concerns
- School support services

The Counseling Center includes counselors as well as nursing, psychology, social-work, registrar, and college/career resources.

College & Career Support

Eastlake has a College & Career Guidance Specialist who helps students with post-high-school planning and college admissions resources.

NEW-STUDENT TIP

Introduce yourself to your counselor early. You do not have to wait until you have a problem.

10. ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance matters.

Eastlake/LWSD has specific rules concerning:

- Excused absences
- Unexcused absences
- Tardies
- Early dismissal
- Truancy
- Closed campus
- Parent/guardian notifications

Parents/guardians should notify the school when a student is absent and provide the required information for an absence to be considered excused.

BEST PRACTICE

If you are going to miss school:

10. Make sure the absence is reported.
11. Check Teams/email.
12. Check Skyward.
13. Contact teachers about missed work.
14. Ask what you need to make up.
15. Keep track of deadlines.

Do not simply assume that missing a class means you can make up everything later.

11. TECHNOLOGY

LWSD provides students with school laptops.

Students use technology for things such as:

- Microsoft Teams
- Online textbooks
- Assignments
- Communication
- School resources
- Testing

Eastlake recommends saving important files to your student OneDrive rather than only on the laptop itself.

If your laptop stops working

The Eastlake library can assist with technology problems and repairs. Students may receive a loaner laptop while their device is being repaired.

Technology tip

At the beginning of the year, make sure you can successfully log into:

- Your school computer
- Skyward
- Microsoft Teams
- Student email
- OneDrive

If something doesn't work, ask the library or appropriate school staff for help immediately.

12. ACADEMIC HONESTY

Eastlake takes academic honesty seriously.

The school's policy addresses issues such as:

- Copying another student's work
- Unauthorized use of resources
- Unauthorized AI use
- Sharing answers
- Plagiarism
- Submitting someone else's work
- Cheating

- Altering assignments or grades

The consequences can become more serious for repeated or significant violations.

IMPORTANT

Important AI reminder

Do not assume that because an AI tool is available, it is automatically allowed for an assignment.

If a teacher has not clearly said AI is permitted, ask.

13. LUNCH & FOOD

Student breakfast and lunch are available through the school cafeteria.

LWSD provides information about:

- Daily menus
- Meal prices
- Adding money to a student's lunch account
- Meal history
- Free/reduced-price meal programs

The school directs families to LWSD and MySchoolBucks for current meal information.

Lunch tip for a new student

The first few lunches can feel awkward because you may not know where to sit.

Look for:

- People from your classes
- Clubs you joined
- Link Crew students
- Students you met during orientation
- Someone else who looks new

You can also ask a classmate, "Mind if I sit here?"

It is much easier than it sounds.

14. PARKING & DRIVING

Student parking is available under specific rules.

For 2026–27, Eastlake states:

- Anyone parking on campus must have a vehicle registered with EHS.
- A visible parking permit is required.
- The full-year parking permit is \$60.
- Up to two vehicles may be registered per student.
- Seniors who meet the priority deadline are guaranteed a permit.
- Juniors and qualifying seniors who miss the priority window participate in a lottery.
- Students must provide vehicle, insurance, and driver's-license information.

- Parking permits are not transferable.

IMPORTANT

Important pickup/drop-off rule

Eastlake specifically warns that there is no stopping in the front loop for approximately 45 minutes after school for pickup/drop-off. Students being picked up should arrange to meet in the parking lot.

15. SCHOOL EVENTS & TRADITIONS

Eastlake has a strong school-community component.

Students can participate in:

- Homecoming
- Football games
- School dances
- Spirit activities
- ASB events
- Grade-level activities
- Clubs
- Performing arts
- Athletic events
- Community service

For example, the 2026–27 calendar lists Homecoming Week October 5–10, a Homecoming football game on October 9, and the Homecoming Dance on October 10.

Don't wait for someone to invite you

A great way to become part of Eastlake is to show up.

Go to a game.

Join a club.

Attend a dance.

Try out for something.

Volunteer.

Talk to someone new.

16. ASB & STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Eastlake's Associated Student Body (ASB) gives students opportunities to participate in school leadership and help organize activities.

Leadership opportunities include:

- ASB
- Grade-level leadership

- School Senate
- Link Crew
- Club leadership
- Service activities

Eastlake describes Link Crew as an important part of helping freshmen transition successfully into high school.

17. STUDENT SUPPORT

If you are struggling, tell someone.

Possible people to approach include:

- Your school counselor
- A trusted teacher
- School psychologist
- Social worker
- Nurse
- Administrator
- Link Crew leader
- Coach
- Librarian

Eastlake's Counseling Center includes school psychologists, a social worker, nurses, and other student-support professionals.

You don't need to have a perfect explanation.

You can simply say:

"I'm having a hard time and I'm not sure what I need. Can you help me figure it out?"

That is enough to start.

18. MAKING FRIENDS AT A NEW SCHOOL

It is normal to feel like everyone already has their friend groups.

The reality is that many students are looking for new friends too.

Try the "three places" strategy:

1. ONE CLASS

Talk to someone sitting near you.

2. ONE ACTIVITY

Join a club, sport, music group, or other activity.

3. ONE FAMILIAR ADULT

Introduce yourself to a teacher, counselor, coach, or staff member.

You don't need 20 friends immediately.

Start with one person.

19. WHAT TEACHERS EXPECT

A successful Eastlake student generally needs to be:

- On time
- Prepared
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Willing to ask questions
- Willing to communicate
- Honest about their work
- Able to manage deadlines

If you are confused

Don't wait until the night before an assignment is due.

Ask:

"Could you explain this another way?"

or

"Can I come in for extra help?"

or

"I'm not sure where I went wrong. Can we look at this together?"

Teachers generally prefer students to ask for help rather than quietly fall behind.

20. ORGANIZATION TIPS

High school requires more independence than middle school.

Use a system that works for you.

You might use:

- A planner
- Phone reminders
- Calendar
- Microsoft Teams
- Skyward
- OneNote
- A physical notebook
- A digital to-do list

Every afternoon

Check:

What is due tomorrow?

What is due this week?

Do I have a test coming up?

Do I need to bring anything to school?

Do I need to email a teacher?

This five-minute habit can make high school dramatically easier.

21. WHAT PARENTS/GUARDIANS SHOULD KNOW

Parents and guardians should become familiar with:

- Skyward
- Eastlake's website
- LWSD communications
- Attendance procedures
- The Daily Schedule
- Counseling resources
- School calendar
- Transportation information
- Lunch/meal accounts
- Athletics registration
- Student handbook

Eastlake maintains a central Students & Families page containing many of these resources.

22. YOUR FIRST-WEEK CHECKLIST

- Find all of my classrooms
- Learn how to read my schedule
- Log into Skyward
- Log into Microsoft Teams
- Check my student email
- Confirm my laptop works
- Find the library
- Find the Counseling Center
- Find the main office
- Find the cafeteria
- Learn where to go for attendance questions
- Meet my counselor
- Introduce myself to at least one teacher
- Learn how lunch works
- Find out about clubs
- Look into athletics if interested
- Figure out my transportation
- Learn the school bell schedule
- Put important school dates on my calendar
- Find at least one person I can ask for help

23. FIRST-MONTH CHALLENGE

By the end of your first month, try to:

ACADEMICS

- Know every teacher's name
- Know how each teacher communicates assignments
- Have a system for tracking homework
- Ask for help in at least one class if you need it

COMMUNITY

- Meet three new people
- Attend one school event
- Explore at least three clubs or activities
- Introduce yourself to your counselor

PERSONAL

- Find a place where you feel comfortable at lunch
- Learn your way around campus
- Figure out your transportation routine
- Get enough sleep
- Give yourself time to adjust

24. IMPORTANT LINKS

School

Students & Families

Daily Schedule

Student Handbook

Counseling

Course Catalog

New Student Registration

Clubs

Athletics

Parking

School Calendar

25. THE MOST IMPORTANT ADVICE

You don't have to know everything on your first day.

You don't have to have your friend group figured out.

You don't have to know what you want to do after high school.

You don't have to be the best student, athlete, musician, artist, or club member.

Your job is to show up, try things, ask questions, learn from mistakes, and find your people.

Eastlake has a lot to offer. Give yourself permission to explore it.

Welcome to the Pack!

Wolf Strong. Pack Strong.

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