



EASTSIDE

HIGH SCHOOL

Student Handbook

2023-2024

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Mission Statement

"Excellence for all students through strong relationships and instructional strategies delivered by effective educators."

Mascot

Eagles

School Colors

Green & Silver

Alma Mater

Lyrics written by Alan Fowler, Director of Bands

"Fair Eastside, Hail to Thee"
Dear Alma Mater Fair Eastside,
We raise our song to thee;
We honor thee with all our pride,
For our hearts with you shall always be.

Fair Eastside, Hail to thee,
Fair Eastside, True and Loyal we'll be,
Praise and glory we raise to our Eastside High,
Eastside, hail to thee!

The mem'ries that we'll ever hold,
Give strength to all we do,
Silver and Green thy colors bold,
Dear old Eastside High, we cherish you.

Fair Eastside, Hail to thee,
Fair Eastside, True and Loyal we'll be,
Praise and glory we raise to our Eastside High,
Eastside, hail to thee!

Eastside Fightsong

Fight team, fight for Eastside! We must win this game!
Onward now you Eagles! Bring Glory to your name,
FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT!!!

Here's to all your colors; Silver, Green & White!
Playing for a victory,
So FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT!!!

COMMUNICATION

- Our school web page remains updated frequently with information and resources and can be accessed at <https://ehs.newtoncountyschools.org/>
- Weekly emails "EAGLE NEWS" containing important information about EHS events will be sent to students through their NCSS student email accounts and to parents through the NCSS School Messenger program. If you do not receive the weekly emails, please call the school so we can verify information.
- The EHS YouTube Channel displays the morning announcements daily and can be accessed at <https://www.youtube.com/@eastsidehighschool3738>
- Some cell phone carriers may mistakenly block the EHS number. This means you could miss important phone calls. PLEASE save the school number in your phonebook 770-784-2920. Additionally, if your number has changed, please contact our school registrar to change it in the system fincher.kim@newton.k12.ga.us
- EHS administration would like to encourage open communication. If you have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, counselor, or administrator.

School Phone: 770-784-2920	IC Portal: campus.newton.k12.ga.us/campus/portal/newton.jsp
Web Page: https://ehs.newtoncountyschools.org/	9th Grade EHS School Remind: Text @ege2027 to 81010
Instagram: ehs_eagles_eastside	10th Grade EHS School Remind: Text @ege2026 to 81010
Twitter: @EHS_Eagles	11th Grade EHS School Remind: Text @ege2025 to 81010
Facebook: @eastsidehighschoolnewtoncounty	12th Grade EHS School Remind: Text @ege2024 to 81010

Student progress can be monitored continually through the parent portal. You can view two short videos so you can access and receive tardy, absence, and grade notifications from the Parent Portal at Infinite Campus. These tools will equip and support you as you maintain progress towards graduation...

-How to create a parent account in Parent Portal (Infinite Campus) to monitor grades and attendance
<https://youtu.be/3jTZ6yTDIJo>

-How to set tardy, absence, and grade notifications in Parent Portal (Infinite Campus)
<https://youtu.be/xvXEFrRInOE>

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's a Great Day to be an EAGLE! Our mission is excellence for all students through strong relationships and instructional strategies delivered by effective educators. This school year, we are beginning a new school year but the tradition of EAGLE PRIDE that has distinguished Eastside High School will continue. Our students and staff have devoted themselves to excellence in all endeavors as recognized by numerous accolades throughout the years. Contributing and continuing this legacy EXCELLENCE and EAGLE PRIDE entails a daily investment of yourself towards positive growth to reach your fullest potential. There is no such thing as an unimportant person or an unimportant day!

At Eastside, we are fully committed towards accomplishing the mission of the **Newton County School System (NCSS)** for providing educational excellence for all students. As such, we commit to maintain a safe learning environment for students and staff each day. Additionally, we will deliver high quality instruction by utilizing **research-based instructional strategies** during lessons, building a **foundation of background knowledge** for our students throughout the school day, and by providing greater **integration of technology** in classrooms.

At Eastside High School, teachers focus upon **student learning, collaboration with collective responsibility for outcomes and student results**. Answers must be provided for these questions in order for us to meet our goals:

- ***What do we want students to know, do, and understand?***
- ***How will we know that students have mastered essential standards?***
- ***How will we respond when students have not mastered essential standards?***
- ***How will we respond when students have mastered essential standards?***

As the educational landscape continues to change, we are committed to provide a safe, meaningful learning environment at EHS. For our graduates to be competitive in any endeavor after graduation, we realize the importance of providing a **rigorous** and **relevant** education that equips students with the skills and knowledge to be successful. We encourage our students to participate in the full high school experience by taking advantage of all available resources at Eastside to support their academic, athletic, and artistic performances. Also, parents and community members are invited to invest themselves in the education process as we continue to grow Eastside High School as a treasured and vital component to the community of Newton County.

I am excited about the future opportunities available to our students who are challenged to continue the legacy established by previous graduates as "EASTSIDE GRADUATES EXCELLENCE!"

Sincerely,

Jeff Cher
Principal

Crisis Agencies	Help Numbers
Suicide Prevention—GA Crisis & Access Hotline	800-715-4225 (24 Hours)
Anonymous Tip Line – Gang related activity	678-625-5007
Alcoholics Anonymous	404-525-3178
Newton County DFCS	770-207-4176
Child Abuse Reporting	1-855-422-4453
Child Abuse Prevention	1-800-244-5373
National Domestic Violence Hotline	1-800-799-7233
Rape, Sexual Assault, Abuse, & Incest National Network	1-800-656-4673

Parents and students are encouraged to review the contents of both the NCSS Parent Guide and Student Code of Conduct and the EHS Student Handbook to become familiar with the various aspects and procedures of Eastside High School and the Newton County School System.

ACADEMIC LETTERING PROGRAM

Guidelines for EHS Academic Letter Program

- Academic letters will be awarded at Open House to recognize student performance for the previous school year.
- Students who earn a 90 or higher in all credit-bearing classes the preceding year at Eastside High School will be awarded an academic letter. Each eligible student will receive a letter of recognition for his/her first year and will receive a pin for each subsequent year of recognition. (There will be no rounding of numbers to the next highest number in order to achieve eligibility for this academic recognition). Transfer students will be recognized for work earned while enrolled as a student at Eastside High School and will be eligible for an academic letter after one full year in attendance.
- Students who earn the distinction of an AP scholar will receive an academic letter or pin.
- Students who earn the distinction of Georgia Governor's Honors Semifinalist will receive an academic letter or pin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Multiple forms of communication are utilized to provide information to students, parents, and the community. Parents and students can always access academic and attendance data through the parent portal located on the school's web page. Weekly email announcements are delivered to parents who have updated email addresses in Infinite Campus. Other information will be distributed through Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

ATHLETIC TEAMS

All students participating in Eastside Athletics must read, sign, and adhere to the Athletic Department Guidelines and have current physical on file with the Athletic Trainer in order to participate. Students must also meet all eligibility requirements outlined by the GHSA for participation in varsity and subvarsity competition.

FALL SPORTS	WINTER SPORTS	SPRING SPORTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Football• Softball• Cross Country• Volleyball• E-Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basketball• Wrestling• Cheerleading• Swimming	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Track & Field• Baseball• Soccer• Golf• Tennis• E-Sports

ATTENDANCE

Student attendance is critical to the attainment of high academic achievements and efficient use of instructional time. School attendance is the responsibility of both parents and students. See the Attendance Information of the NCSS Parent Guide and Student Code of Conduct for guidelines regarding excused and unexcused absences.

BELL SCHEDULE

The school day will begin promptly at 8:15 a.m. A warning bell will ring at 8:05 a.m. each morning. Students not in class at 8:15 a.m. will be considered tardy for their 1st period. Students are expected to be on time to each class. Failure to be on time will result in a tardy, unless the student has a pass from a staff member. The school day will end at 3:15 p.m. for traditional school days and will end at 12:15 p.m. for early-release school days. Checkouts are not permitted after 2:45 p.m. ***All students must clear the building at dismissal, with the exception of students under the direct supervision of a faculty member. This includes early dismissal days.***

BUILDING LEVEL PRACTICES

All extracurricular activities, events, and associated fees are developed by school officials and are ultimately approved by the principal at the building level. All such building level practices, both explicitly or implicitly created, cannot be in conflict with established board policy and are subject to revision by the principal. Any concerns regarding building level practices must be submitted in writing to the principal. The principal's written decision on building level practices shall be final.

CELL PHONES

The safety of students and staff members is the highest priority each day. Additionally, uninterrupted opportunities to learn and demonstrate mastery of concepts are essential for all students to succeed. For these reasons, cell phones are not permitted in classroom settings unless explicitly directed by the classroom teacher for instructional purposes. Student use of cell phones outside of communicated directions constitute a violation of the code of conduct and will result in disciplinary action. As a consistent practice, students may store their cell phones in a teacher assigned/designated location. The school is not liable or responsible for any personally owned electronic device brought onto school property. While on campus, students may not use cell phones to order deliveries of food. Additionally as a component of safety practices, students are not permitted to wear headphones in order to remain fully aware of surroundings at all times. Generally, students may use their cell phones before school, in the hallways between class, during lunch, and after school. Cell phone usage is not permitted in classroom settings unless explicitly authorized by the classroom teacher.

CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT

Any student who arrives on campus after 8:15 am must check-in at the clinic. Any student needing to leave campus during the day for any reason must check-out through the clinic. Contact with a parent and/or guardian will be required before a student is released from school. Students are not allowed to check-out during a final exam period. Check-outs for medical or court appointments will be classified as unexcused until proper documentation is received from the physician or office of the court. Students are not allowed to check themselves out even when they reach the age of 18 unless the student has an approved emancipated student document on file.

Procedure for Check-Out:

- The student needs to take his/her check-out note to the Clinic before 8:15 a.m. The note must include date, reason, parent/guardian signature, and parent/guardian telephone number.
- The check-out staff will call to verify the note and prepare a pass for the student to pick up prior to leaving.
- Students should not use their cell phone to call parents when they are ill. Instead, the student should get permission from his/her teacher to report to the clinic. Clinic staff will contact the parent and, if necessary, send the student home sick. If this process is not followed, the student's check-out may be classified as unexcused.
- Due to the size of the school and number of students, adequate time must be allotted to properly verify and process student arrivals and departures after 8:15. Parents requesting that their student check out for reasons other than illness or injury should call the Clinic at least one hour before desired check-out time.
- Students are **NOT** allowed to check out for lunch.
- Students who check out for medical or court appointments must bring the written documentation of the appointment to their 1st period teacher when they return to school in order to excuse the check-out. If the student returns the same day, the student needs to show his/her teachers the check-in pass.
- Due to the size of the school and number of activities at the end of the school day, students will not be permitted to check out after 2:45 p.m. Please schedule appointments accordingly.

CLASS DUES

As part of the full high school experience, senior class dues are applied to special items including senior gathering, class T-shirt, diploma covers, honors stoles, pathway completion cords, and other special experiences. Class dues are \$40 for seniors. Dues can be paid online through GoFan.co. Payment of class dues is required prior to purchase of parking permits and prom tickets.

CLINIC

Eastside High School will provide clinic services for students according to the policy approved by the Newton County Board of Education. Each student is **required** to complete a virtual clinic card, which will be placed on file in the school clinic. No internal medicines will be given to students without parental permission; ***please see information on clinic card regarding medication given at school.*** All prescription drugs must be properly labeled with instructions for use and stored in the original container. Students who must take medication during school hours are encouraged to do so during class change at the clinic. When this is not possible, the student must obtain a medical pass from the clinic nurse.

Teachers are not permitted to dispense medicine to students. All medicine must be dispensed by the school nurse or nurse designee. It is the parent's responsibility to notify the school nurse of any changes in a child's emergency contact information and medicine information.

DELIVERIES TO STUDENTS

Students are not permitted to receive deliveries of commercially prepared food and/or paraphernalia that could disrupt the learning environment.

Please do not deliver food, flowers, balloons, or other items to school. These items will not be delivered to students during the day.

Students will not be released from instruction to receive deliveries.

DISCIPLINE

All students are expected to meet the expectations of the NCSS Parent Guide and Student Code of Conduct. Consequences for infractions are detailed in the student handbook. Additional privileges, such as parking, prom, and/or athletics, may be revoked for students who violate the code of conduct. See specific parameters outlined in the privilege details in the student handbook.

EPIC

Eagles Preparing and Interacting in a Community (E.P.I.C.) is an after school program intended to improve the lives of our young people by nurturing their minds, bodies, and spirits through programs that incorporate independent learning, tutorial, and enrichment activities. The program will also offer a safe structured environment during a time when young people are at-risk of becoming involved in gangs, crime, or experimentation with drugs, alcohol, or sex. Students will be engaged in activities and on-going relationships that increase confidence and encourage success in all areas of their lives – at home, in school, and in the community.

At Eastside, the program will provide a variety of activities that will enrich the lives of our neediest students and help them achieve academic and personal success. While the main focus in the program will be on academic enrichment and tutoring, other components will focus on building social, physical, and emotional skills through activities in fitness, sports, arts, culture, science, math, and technology. The components of the program include a healthy snack after school, tutoring in all core area, homework assistance, test prep, field trips and other enrichment activities.

Attendance is required Monday – Thursday from 3:30 pm until 6:30 pm. Students who have more than five (5) unexcused absences in a semester will be released from the program. Bus transportation will be provided and will depart the school at 6:30 pm. each day.

Typical Schedule:

3:15 School Dismissal

3:30-3:45 Snack

3:45-4:30 Individual Homework, Credit Recovery, Comp. Lab, Reading

4:30-5:30 Core Content Tutoring/Credit Recovery

5:30 E.P.I.C Enrichment Activities

END OF COURSE TESTS

Students with courses that have a required End Of Course (EOC) test will take the assessment at the conclusion of the school year. The EOC will represent 20% of the student's final course grade.

GRADUATION AND PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

Students are assigned to grade level based upon the number of units obtained prior to the fall semester.

Grade Level Designation	Minimum Required Credits
10	5 credits
11	11 credits
12	17 credits
Total units required	23 credits required

SUBJECT AREAS	Units Required to Graduate
English/Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Social Studies	4
CTAE and/or Modern Language/Latin and/or Fine Arts*	3
Health/Personal Fitness	1
Electives	3
TOTAL	23

*Students who have successfully completed a state-defined pathway will be provided a cord to wear at graduation signifying pathway completion.

HALLWAYS

A student **must** have a hall pass from a teacher or signed student agenda in order to move in the hall during class time. Students will not be released from class during the first 10 minutes or final 10 minutes of class. Running in the hall is not allowed. Students should move quietly throughout the building. **Students are not permitted to use the vending machines while classes are in session.** After school, students are not permitted to loiter anywhere in the building or on campus.

HOMECOMING DANCE

The Homecoming Dance is an event hosted by the Student Government Association. Attending the Homecoming Dance is a privilege extended to students in good academic, behavior, and attendance standing. Any student who has received more than two separate out-of-school suspensions or excessive in-school suspensions will not attend Homecoming Dance. Circumstances will be reviewed and decided at the discretion of the school administration.

LOST AND FOUND

There is a lost and found area located in the main office. This lost and found is open before school and after school. Any clothing not claimed after one month will be removed from the school. **The school assumes no responsibility for lost or abandoned items.**

LUNCHROOM PROCEDURE

Breakfast will be served from 7:50-8:05 a.m. When a student is released for lunch, he/she should go to the cafeteria and wait in line quietly. After eating, students must dispose of trash leaving their area clean. Students are not permitted to roam hallways. Classes will be in session on part of the campus and presence in any unauthorized area will result in disciplinary actions. **Commercially prepared lunches may not be delivered to the school. During the lunch period, students are only allowed in the cafeteria or administrator designated locations.**

LEARNING COMMONS

The Learning Commons (media center) is open Monday--Friday from 7:40 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Students are required to have a pass signed by a teacher in order to come to the library during class time. All school rules apply in the media center. Students are responsible for all materials checked out to them and must pay for replacement of all lost or damaged items. In addition, \$.10 per day is charged for overdue materials. All media center fines must be cleared before report cards or parking tags are issued.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS ON CAMPUS

On-campus parking is available for students who meet the eligibility criteria and agree to all terms of parking requirements. A fee of \$40.00 must be paid to obtain a parking permit. Seniors are required to pay \$40 Class Dues as well. Vehicles illegally parked may be towed at the owner's expense. In efforts to ensure the safety and welfare of students and school personnel, school authorities may search a student's vehicle and may seize illegal, unauthorized, or contraband materials discovered in the search.

Students must abide by the following rules in order to maintain their parking privileges:

1. **DRIVE SAFELY ON CAMPUS.** Students must drive safely at all times. There will be no speeding or any form of reckless driving on school grounds. Any actions that create unsafe situations for students or staff may result in suspension or revocation of a parking permit. All drivers must adhere to all components outlined on the signed Eastside Student Parking Permit Application.
2. Students are not permitted to leave campus or transport students off campus without properly checking out of school through the front office. NCCA students are not permitted to transport other students to NCCA.
Skipping class and/or leaving campus without permission will result in a disciplinary referral which will include suspension and/or revocation of the parking permit.
3. Students must have a passing grade of 70 or higher in at least five classes each semester in order to purchase or possess a parking permit. The permit may be suspended after the first semester if the student does not have a passing grade of 70 or higher in at least five classes.

4. Students must have fewer than 10 unexcused absences (or have attended Attendance Recovery) during the entire previous year. The permit may be suspended after the first semester if the student has accumulated 10 or more unexcused absences in any class during the first semester.
5. Out-of-school or in-school suspension may affect parking privileges. Circumstances will be reviewed and decided at the discretion of the Administration. Habitual tardiness to school will result in requirement of proof of residence and/or suspension of a parking permit.
6. The student must present a copy of his/her driver's license at the time of permit purchase.
7. Student may purchase a permit only if ALL school debts have been cleared.
8. All vehicles parked on the school grounds must be registered with the school and MUST DISPLAY A CURRENT PERMIT.
9. Parking is strictly limited to the student parking area. Students are not permitted to park in the faculty, gym, field, or unauthorized parking areas. NO ONE is allowed to park in the fire lanes.
10. All students must be licensed and covered by automobile insurance. The school is not responsible for any damage or loss suffered to the vehicle or its contents. It is strongly recommended that students do not leave valuables in their vehicles.
11. Students may not loiter in the parking lot before or after school. Students arriving on campus in the morning must immediately exit the vehicle and enter the school building through the courtyard/cafeteria entrance. After school, students must depart from campus by 3:30 PM unless involved in an afterschool activity under the supervision of a staff member.
12. Students are not permitted to venture to the student parking lot during school hours from 8:15am - 3:15pm without permission from an administrator or school resource officer.
13. Parking permits may not be shared, passed, or swapped between students; any violation will result in both parties losing their permits for at least one semester.
14. Student vehicles may be subject to search if there are reasonable grounds to believe that drugs, alcohol, weapons, stolen property or other contraband might be present in that vehicle.
15. Parking regulations are strictly enforced. It is considered a privilege to park on school grounds. Suspension of driving privileges, towing of vehicles (at OWNER'S EXPENSE) and/or other suspension from suspension from school may result when violators of regulations occur.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN ONCE EHS HAS ISSUED A PARKING PERMIT

Students will be charged \$10 for a new parking tag that was lost/stolen prior to the end of first semester. Students will be charged \$5 for a new parking tag that was lost/stolen anytime during the 2nd semester.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Parents are encouraged to stay in close communication with the school. Often, a mutual understanding erases many potential difficulties. Conferences with teachers are scheduled through the Counseling Office. Student progress can always be viewed using the parent portal available at <https://campus.newton.k12.ga.us/campus/portal/newton.jsp> Parents can view two short videos involving access to receive tardy, absence, and grade notifications from the Parent Portal at Infinite Campus.

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-How to set tardy, absence, and grade notifications in Parent Portal (Infinite Campus) <https://youtu.be/xvXEFrInOE>

PEER MEDIATION

Mediation is an approach to resolve conflicts. People who disagree have the chance to sit face to face and talk uninterrupted so each side of the dispute is heard. Students may request peer mediation through the Counseling Center.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

The Physical Education Department may implement a dress code that includes a specific T-shirt, gym shorts, socks and athletic shoes. Students dressing out for PE courses must meet parameters outlined by the teacher to ensure the safety of all students in PE classes.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be given to students throughout the school year at each nine week grading period. Weekly monitoring of student progress can be arranged through the EHS Counseling Department. Student progress can always be viewed using the parent portal available at <https://campus.newton.k12.ga.us/campus/portal/newton.jsp>

PROM as of the printing of the handbook, for the most current information please view the Homecoming/Prom webpage at

https://ehs.newtoncountyschools.org/activities/homecoming_prom

- **Prom Packet:** A Prom Packet will be issued prior to payment of ticket(s). All students attending Prom must return the Prom packet by the announced due date. The packet includes the following documents: *Prom Information Sheet*, *Prom Guidelines & Dress Code*, *Acknowledgement of Receipt and Understanding Prom Contract* and for each ticket holder, and an *EHS Visitor Prom Permission Sheet* if you are inviting a non EHS student. Any student attempting to change their date listed on the forms must contact the prom faculty coordinator prior to making changes no less than 10 school days prior to Prom; otherwise a new date will not be approved. Eastside High School reserves the right to deny any date request.

- **Deadline:** Failure to complete the Prom Registration by assigned DEADLINE will result in forfeiture of all tickets and monies paid with no exceptions.
- **Dues:** \$40 Senior Class Dues are separate from Prom but are required to be paid in full before the Prom ticket is issued.
- **Discipline:** Prom is a privilege extended to students in good standing. Any student who has received more than two separate out-of-school suspensions or excessive in-school suspensions will not attend Prom. Circumstances will be reviewed and decided at the discretion of the school administration.
- **Attendance:** Students who attend prom must be in good academic standing. Students who have accumulated more than 10 unexcused absences from school cannot attend prom. Also, to attend prom students must be present at least one-half of the school day on the Friday before Prom. Any student not in attendance on the Friday before Prom will not be admitted to Prom. No refunds will be given.
- **Entrance to Prom:** Each ticket holder will sign in at the sign in table prior to entrance into the Prom. A photo ID, which shows date of birth, will be required for any non EHS student that attends. No person over the age of 20 will be admitted into Prom. Anyone not in the originally approved attire submitted with Prom Packet will be turned away at the door and will not be admitted. No refunds will be issued. Students are expected to stay until the Prom King and Prom Queen have been announced at approximately 9:30 p.m. Any student who leaves Prom during the evening without approval will not be allowed to return. All Prom activities will end prior to 11:00 p.m.
- **Attire:** Dress code for the Prom is separate from the overall school dress code and approval is at the discretion of the prom committee members. Students are expected to fully comply with the formal dress code detailed in the Prom Guideline. If there is any question about the appropriateness of the attire, or if you are unsure about the modesty of your attire or your date's attire, please see the prom faculty coordinator prior to purchase for approval. This is a school-sponsored event and we must maintain a level of appropriateness in the way students are dressed for the Prom. **Any student that does not meet this standard of dress will not be admitted and/or asked to leave the Prom.**
- **Rules:** District and school policies apply to Prom as they do any other school activity. Please be aware of our expectations and the consequences associated with them, particularly with respect to alcohol and/or any other banned substances and/or items at school functions. **School personnel will have the authority to make the final decision regarding admittance to the Prom.**

REPORT CARDS

Students are expected to take all grade reports home. Report Cards will be issued to all students at Eastside. Parents can access student information through the parent portal located at <http://www.newtoncountyschools.org/eastside>.

SCHOOL SAFETY

The safety of students and staff members is the highest priority each day. Everyone is responsible for maintaining a safe environment. Any unusual behavior or suspicious activity should be reported immediately to an administrator or school resource officer. Doors should never be propped open as entry points should remain closed and locked at all times. Propping a door will result in disciplinary action. School safety drills will be conducted regularly. To ensure that all students are easily identifiable and are fully aware of the surrounding environment, students are not permitted to wear hoods, hats, head coverings and headphones while at school.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Schedule change requests are only received during the first few days of the beginning of school. Each request is reviewed by the guidance department and administration. Teacher and/or lunch preference is not an appropriate reason for a schedule change.

SCHOOL SPONSORED CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Students have the opportunity to join one of several clubs at Eastside High School. EHS clubs are under the direction and control of the school which are organized and meet based on common goals, objectives and activities. The school sponsored clubs that are in operation at our school are listed below and provide you with pertinent club information. State law mandates that the parent/guardian has the right to withhold permission for their student to join or participate in any school sponsored club or organization with which they object.

All EHS approved clubs are listed in the EHS Student Handbook (school portion) annually. Clubs may meet before school, after school, and/or during designated club time. At the beginning of the school year on designated days, clubs set up tables with information and students may sign up for clubs. A list of school sponsored clubs and organizations and their descriptions are listed below:

ACADEMIC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Team • Beta Club • National Honors Society • Reading Eagles Book Club 	CAREER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DECA • FBLA • FCCLA • FFA • Future Georgia Educators • TSA 	COMMUNICATIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eagle Vision Morning Show • Talon Yearbook
FINE ARTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Club • Drama Club • Emeralds Step Team • Exclusive Dance Team 	WORLD LANGUAGES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French Club • Junior Classical League • Spanish Club 	LEISURE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastside Anglers • Juggling Club • R&B Club
LEADERSHIP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eagle Ambassadors • Gentlemen in the Making (G.I.T.M) • Student Government 	COMPETITION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eagle Robotics Team • Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Team 	SERVICE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eagle Life • Eagles on Duty • Eco Eagles Organization

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ladies Leaving a Legacy • No Place for Hate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literary Team • Math Team • Mock Trial 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interact Club • Key Club • 4H • Sources of Strength
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Academic Team with Mr. Adams

The EHS Academic Team has captured the state championship 5 times and has qualified for the National Academic Quiz Tournament 11 times since 2010. The varsity and JV teams compete against schools across the state and nation in quiz competitions.

Art Club with Ms. Parker

Art Club promotes visual arts in the school and local community. The club provides a creative outlet for students to collaborate with their peers as they imagine and create original works of art. Activities include regular open studio sessions, involvement in the annual art show, and participation in local fundraising events.

Beta Club with Ms. Lewis

Beta Club helps young people develop character traits such as Honesty, Cooperation, Responsibility, Service, and Leadership. Participation in community service projects and/or raising funds for charities is encouraged to remain an active member. An application must be submitted for this club and certain criteria met before membership can be approved.

DECA with Dr. Padgett

Eastside DECA is the Marketing Club of Eastside High School focusing in four areas of activity. We believe in Professional Growth, Personal Development, and Fun.

1. Professional Training and Development - We practice the best way to write a resume, conduct an interview, and teach students how to handle themselves in business situations.
2. Local, State and International Competition - We compete at the region, state and international levels with other students from other schools in the areas of creative problem solving, concept presentation, and public speaking.
3. School and Community Socials - We have fun with our students, and with other DECA students from around the county hosting football tailgate parties, student movie nights, student adventure outings, and social gatherings with the DECA clubs from other county schools.
4. Eastside DECA is also the operator of the One Stop Eagle Shop, which is the School Store at Eastside High School.

Drama Club with Mr. Skidmore

The Drama Club strives to promote an interest in theater and provide a creative outlet for students through the production of plays and other performances. Planned activities include fall and spring musicals, class productions, Georgia Thespian Conference, Thespian conference, field trips to professional shows, guest speakers and workshops, candy sales, middle school drama workshops, and regular club meetings.

Eagle Ambassadors with Ms. Caraway and Ms. Harwell

Eagle Ambassadors are a diverse group of student leaders who represent the school and student body community events. The club is dedicated to the positive promotion of Eastside High School. Eagle Ambassadors have the unique opportunity to develop leadership and communication skills, build confidence, manage responsibility, and meet new people.

Eagle Life with Mr. Clark and Mr. Watson

Eagle Life is a student-led organization that provides students with opportunities to serve their community and develop a deeper faith and understanding of God. Activities include Thursday morning devotions, Toys for Tots, spirit games, Fuzz Run, and Relay for Life.

Eagle Robotics Team with Mr. Bennett

The EHS Eagle Robotics team is composed of students who are interested in robotics, mechanics, and programming. We use VEX robots and compete in several different tournaments throughout the school year. Students are able to gain hands-on experience with building a robot from scratch using motors, gears, and wheels while also putting their programming skills to the test, teaching the robot to complete certain tasks autonomously and by using a remote control.

Eagle Vision with Mr. Williams

Eagle Vision is the school video/media club in which we film the morning announcements, special interviews, event promotionals, and other events in and outside of school. Students are involved with filming, being on camera, and editing clips. We work a lot during and after school and have tight deadlines to meet.

Eagles On Duty with Ms. O'Brien

EOD promotes an inclusive environment and atmosphere at Eastside High School through normal everyday routines/activities. Individuals without disabilities will work alongside students with support needs for a mutually beneficial social/educational experience. To promote career awareness in the fields of: special education, speech language pathology, adaptive physical education, occupational therapy, physical therapy, deaf/hard of hearing education, recreational therapy, vocational training and how to interact with individuals with support needs in service industries.

Eastside Anglers with Dr. Pollard

The Eastside Anglers are a Chapter of the Georgia Junior Bass Fishing Association. In order to be a part of the Anglers you must pay your dues directly to the Georgia Junior Bass Fishing Association. Members that fish are on a two person team and must have a boat captain over the age of 21 that has their Boating Certification. Members fish around the state of Georgia, must provide their own boat and parents must provide all transportation to tournaments.

Eastside Emeralds with Ms. Byrd and Ms. Carey

The purpose of Eastside Step Team is to foster an active interest in the historical art of stepping, promoting diversity and encouraging and inspiring members towards fortitude and accomplishment. The step team will engage in fundraising, group outings, performances, and other activities. With practice, perseverance, and teamwork, all members of the team will be encouraged to increase their skill level in stepping, with camaraderie and enjoyment. Step Team season normally begins in early Autumn and continues through Winter.

Eastside Literary Team with Ms. Mathews and Ms. Curry

Any student may try out for the Eastside Literary Team. The team competes in a regional meet, and students who place first proceed to the state competition. There are choral events: solo, trio, and quartet. There are also several miscellaneous events focusing on written and oral language: essay, dramatic interpretation, and extemporaneous speaking.

Eco Eagles Organization with Ms. Gilbert and Ms. Shepard

The Eco Eagles Organization was founded in 2017 by a group of students dedicated to protecting the Earth. The mission of Eco Eagles is to increase awareness about environmental issues affecting our school and community. The club participates in and sponsors activities such as the Eastside's recycling program, Rivers Alive, and Adopt-A-Highway. Eco Eagles have also recognized teachers and students for their efforts to be "eco-friendly." Future plans include the development of a memorial garden to attract wildlife and commemorate the lives of past EHS teachers.

Exclusive Dance Team with Ms. Turner

The EHS *Exclusive* Dance Team is an organization designed for girls to express themselves through dance. Members of the dance team come from a variety of backgrounds. Each individual on the team is recognized for her unique talents, abilities, leadership and strengths. The primary purpose of the dancer is to be a member of the team, which keeps the crowd's attention to entertain, and to ultimately create an atmosphere of enthusiasm and excitement at sporting and school events.

Family, Career, and Communities Leaders of America (FCCLA) with Ms. Guilbeau

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a career and technical student organization for young men and women in Family and Consumer Sciences education. Members develop skills for life through: character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge, and career preparation.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) with Dr. Brooks

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA): The purpose of FBLA is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovation leadership and career development programs. Planned activities include conferences, at the regional, state and national levels, fundraising for chapter and March of Dimes and community service projects.

Future Farmers of America (FFA) with Dr. Pollard and Ms. Hammond

FFA-The National FFA Organization develops the potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Agricultural Education consists of three components: Classroom/Lab, Supervised Agricultural Experiences, and the FFA. The Eastside FFA Chapter participates in numerous activities including community service projects, Career Development Events, conventions, conferences, and other various leadership activities. FFA is open to any student in an agricultural education class or students that have an interest in agriculture.

Future Georgia Educators (FGE) with Mr. Buff and Ms. Lazenby

The goal of FGE is to help identify, recruit, prepare and retain the next generation of Georgia's teachers. Members will learn all about careers in education, including different grade levels/subjects, specific areas of need, majors/programs available at various colleges, requirements of Georgia educators, shadowing experiences, and much more. Students will receive a club t-shirt and have the opportunity to attend FGE Day with other members from across the state. Junior and Senior members have the opportunity to participate in shadowing opportunities at various schools, subjects, and grade levels.

French Club with Ms. Hutchinson The French Club offers all students the opportunity to explore the culture, music, food, history, art, and language of France and Francophone countries regardless of the student's French language proficiency level. Students in the French Club will have meetings and events to immerse themselves in French culture and prepare for any French competitions they choose to participate in.

Gentlemen in the Making (G.I.T.M.) with Mr. Baker and Mr. Thornton GITM is dedicated to developing leaders. This mission starts with young men, particularly those who demonstrate the potential to comprehend and apply the fundamental principles needed by leaders. Members of Gentlemen In The Making strive to enhance themselves socially and academically.

Interact Club with Ms. Shaughnessy

Interact clubs is an extension of the local Rotary Club which brings together high school students to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self.

Juggling Club with Mr. Jourdan

Like the name says, this club is for anyone interested, experienced, and/or entertained by juggling.

Junior Classical League with Mr. Adams

The Junior Classical League is an organization whose purpose is to encourage an interest in and an appreciation of the language, literature, and culture of ancient Greece and Rome and to impart an understanding of the debt of our own culture to that of Classical antiquity. Eastside's JCL participates in several activities and competitions throughout the year including riding our chariot in the Covington Christmas Parade, hosting a Latin competition for other schools, attending the State JCL Fall Forum and attending State Convention in the spring.

Key Club with Ms. Nestor

The Key Club is a service organization that is part of the Kiwanis family. Key Club International, the largest high school service organization in the world, empowers its members to lead and serve by cultivating leadership skills, developing friendships, and performing community service. Key Club members have a passion for helping others and gain leadership skills they will remain with them for a lifetime.

Ladies Leaving a Legacy with Ms. Scurlock

Ladies Leaving a Legacy support young ladies in strengthening their academics, sharpening their leadership skills as well as improving their self-worth and confidence. Girls will identify needs in the school and the community, propose solutions and become agents of change through service of other. Girls will also focus on setting college and career readiness goals, participate in college tours, ACT/SAT prep, and job shadowing/mentoring.

Math Team with Ms. Wynne

The EHS Math Team has captured a share of the county championship and competed at the district level in 20-21. Students compete against other schools in problem solving competitions.

Mock Trial Team with Mr. Jones

The EHS Mock Trial Team competes against other schools in a court simulation that includes various roles as students develop skills of thoughtful debate.

National Honors Society with Ms. Gullledge

The National Honor Society is an academic service organization that serves to recognize outstanding high school students. NHS is open to all students in grades 10-12 who meet the chapter's standards for excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The goals of the club are "To create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools.

No Place for Hate with Ms. Maughon

No Place for Hate is a club that works with students to develop, improve, and maintain a positive and inclusive school climate so all students can thrive.

Reading Eagles Book Club with Ms. Bryan

The Book Club is open to any students in grades 9-12 that enjoy reading. Participation in the club provides students with the opportunity to have discussions of books they have read independently or as a group.

R&B Club with Mr. McRae

R&B Club is for students who are interested in sharing and discovering music from different artists.

Sources of Strength with Ms. Lowry and Mr. Tate

Aims to create a positive environment for students by assisting them in dealing with their social and emotional challenges, reduce stress, increase compassion and connection within the student body, as well as giving a helping hand to students in need.

Spanish Club with Ms. Kracht

Spanish Club promotes the Spanish language by creating opportunities for students to learn about the language, culture, diversity of Spanish-speaking countries and people.

Student Government Association with Ms. Hawk

See the special note* below.

Technology Student Association with Mr. Bennett

The mission of EHS Technology Student Association is to prepare its members to be successful leaders and responsible citizens in a technological society through co-curricular activities within the technology education program; which include communication, leadership, and competitive skill development in the classroom/laboratory environment.

Yearbook with Mr. Thompson

Talon Yearbook Club members operate as a supplement to the Talon Yearbook staff. Participants will learn journalistic writing, photography, video graphing and desktop publishing layout techniques, marketing strategies, and take part in fundraisers.

4H with Ms. Martinez. The mission of 4-H is to extend lifelong learning to Georgia citizens through unbiased, research-based education in agriculture, the environment, communities, youth and families. 4-Hers participate in hands-on activities and community events. Meetings are held monthly at the County 4-H Office.

Students participating in the following school activities may be required to meet performance criteria for involvement and participation:

Academic Team
Eagle Ambassadors
Eastside Emeralds Step Team
Exclusive Dance Team
Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Team
Literary Team
Math Team
Mock Trial
Student Government*
Yearbook

***Student Government Members - Class Officers and Class Representatives**

1. Student Government Class Officers and Student Government Class Representatives:
 - a. To be eligible to run for election and hold office, a student must be on track for graduation, must have been enrolled at EHS at least two semesters before election, must have a cumulative grade point average of 75 or greater, and must have satisfactory discipline and attendance records.
2. The two Student Government Class Officer positions are President and Vice-President. There are five Student Government Class Representatives for each class. All candidates for class officer positions will also be candidates for class representatives.
3. Student Government Class Officer (President and Vice-President) Requirements:

- a. Both the President and Vice President are required to attend all Student Government meetings as well as all Student Government Administration Luncheons.
 - b. Both the President and Vice President are required to participate in preparations for Homecoming Week and the Homecoming Dance.
 - c. Both the President and Vice President are required to participate in any other events sponsored by the Student Government.
 - d. Both the President and Vice President represent EHS at school events and in the community.
4. Student Government Class Representatives Requirements:
 - a. Student Government Class Representatives are required to attend Student Government Meetings as well as Student Government Administration Luncheons.
 - b. Student Government Class Representatives are required to participate in preparations for Homecoming.
 - c. Student Government Class Representatives are required to participate in any other events sponsored by Student Government.
 - d. Student Government Class Representatives represent EHS at school events and in the community.
 5. Student Government Class Officers and Class Representatives can be removed from serving on Student Government for unsatisfactory grades, unsatisfactory participation, or any infraction of school and/or county rules. Removal from Student Government shall be determined by the Student Government advisor and/or a school administrator.
 6. The Student Government Association may develop by-laws and guidelines to promote the activity and operations of the organization.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks are the property of the State of Georgia. They are issued to each student and are the student's responsibility. The student has the responsibility to take care of these books at all times. If a book is lost or damaged beyond the usual wear, the student is required to pay for the book. Lost textbooks will not be replaced until payment has been received. Lost agendas will also have to be replaced by the student.

TRANSPORTATION

Students may ride assigned buses, walk, or obtain other means to travel to and from school. Any student who wishes to ride a different bus to or from school must have a permission note from home that has been approved by an administrator. Changes to bus transportation will not be approved after 2:15 p.m. each day. Parents may not use the teacher parking area on the side of the main building for picking up or dropping off students. All students transported to school by parents should be dropped off at the front of the school.

UNAUTHORIZED AREAS

Students are only permitted in authorized areas during the school day. Students should remain in the classroom during instructional time to receive the fullest and most appropriate learning experience. During lunch, students are not permitted on classroom hallways. During lunch, students are restricted to the cafeteria, courtyard, and main street. Students are not permitted to loiter in the parking lot before 8:15 or after 3:15. Students are not permitted in the parking lot without a pass from an administrator, a resource officer, or the clinic during school hours between 8:15 and 3:15. Students found in unauthorized areas are subject to consequences outlined in the code of conduct.