



EDGAR WILDCATS

Welcome to Edgar Middle School, an excellent school built on a positive tradition of successful involvement in academics as well as music, drama, and athletic co-curricular participation. Your experience will be what you make it and you are encouraged to get involved. We want our students to learn the value of being positive people along with the attainment of knowledge that will propel them to success as adults. This planner is designed to help you organize assignments, activities, due dates, and serves as a passbook for meeting with teachers outside of the regular class time.

Build strong habits and seize every opportunity to grow!

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MORNING AND AFTERNOON TIMETABLE

TIME	BLOCK
7:15-8:00	Breakfast
8:04-9:06	1 First Half
9:06-10:12	1 Second Half
10:16-11:42	2
11:42-12:12	Recess/Lunch
12:16-1:46	3
1:50-3:15	4

LOYALTY SONG

We're loyal to you, Edgar High,
We know you're true blue, Edgar High,
We know you're the best of all schools east or west,
And we'll back you with zest, Edgar High. Rah-Rah!
So stand up for right, Edgar High,
Press onward with might, Edgar High,
As time surely lengthens,
Our loyalty strengthens,
We're loyal to you, Edgar High!

U-Rah! Rah! Edgar High, Edgar High!
U-Rah! Rah! Edgar High, Edgar High!
U-Rah! Rah! Edgar High!
EDGAR! YEA!

CURRICULUM AND GRADES

If a student fails two or more grading periods of a core academic class in one school year, he/she will be required to repeat that class the next school year.

Core Academic classes are: Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Reading, Math. Failure (under the block schedule) 2 grading periods (F and F)

All students are required to take eight classes throughout the year.

GRADING INFORMATION

Report cards are issued at the end of each nine-week term. Upon completion of each grading period report cards will be mailed home, the cards are mailed one week after the term ends.

The following grade system is used:
A+=4.0, A=4.0, A-=3.67, B+=3.33, B=3.0, B-=2.67, C+=2.33, C=2.0, C-=1.67, D+=1.33, D=1.0, D-=.67, F=0.0, Inc.-Incomplete. An incomplete must be removed within 10 school days of the grading period or the incomplete work will be turned to a zero and the grade earned will become final. Unexcused absences, which lead to incomplete work, may result in a reduction in grades.

Progress reports are sent the fifth week of each grading period.

MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

6th Grade – Reading, Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, Health, Art, Phy. Ed, Guidance, Band, Music, Study Skills, Computers

7th Grade – Reading, Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, FACE, Art, Phy. Ed, Guidance, Band, Choir, Spanish, Computers, Tech Ed

8th Grade – Reading, Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, FACE, Art, Phy. Ed, Guidance, Band, Choir, Spanish, Computers, Tech Ed, Accelerated HS Classes

HONOR ROLL

An honor roll is compiled and published in the local newspapers at the end of each report card period. To be eligible for this honor roll, the student must have a 3.0+ average (high honors 3.5+, highest honors 4.0+).

STUDY HALL RULES

Study hall is a place for study and quiet reading. If you use this time wisely, most of your schoolwork can be done during the school day.

Make sure you have all the materials you will need when you go to study hall. Also include extra reading material in case you finish your work early. Students must bring their student planners with them to study hall.

When entering study hall, go quickly and quietly to your assigned seat for roll call. After roll call, students having passes to the library, other teachers, or the office will have their passes signed and be allowed to leave. Only students having passes may leave study hall. Remember to go quietly and quickly to other areas.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Good attendance habits instill in the student a sense of responsibility. This can be a carryover into adult life, which can be an asset to steady employment.

All students must attend school to age 18. Regular attendance is absolutely necessary for all students to progress in school. Those students who do not attend regularly find it difficult to keep up with their class assignments and basic skills growth. Although students with excused absences are allowed to make up missed work, it is very difficult to make up the learning that occurs in the classroom. The student alone is responsible for work missed when he/she is absent for any reason. Students may need to make arrangements to remain after school to work with their teachers if necessary to complete work. The person in charge of attendance will determine the legitimacy of each absence. Questionable absences will be referred to the school principal. The following rules and procedures are important:

1. **ABSENCES:** Parents/guardians are asked to call the office each day of their child's absence. Please inform the secretary as to the student's name and the reason for absence. In lieu of a phone call, a written note will be required for all excused absences on the day the student returns to school. All notes must state the reason for the indicated absence and the date or dates of absence. *In situations where large or small groups have missed school, parental excuses may be denied and parents notified. Before school, any student who missed part or all of the previous day should check in with the attendance secretary.
2. **EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Students receive an excused absence when they are absent from school for illness, accident, serious illness of a family member, death of a family member, other family emergencies, or a reason deemed necessary by main office personnel. Medical verification may be required of those who are habitually absent. A student who is absent from school may not attend after school social events (i.e. dances, ball games, concerts, etc.)
3. **PREARRANGED ABSENCES:** Planned absences must receive prior approval of the principal (i.e. family vacations, deer hunting, state tournament accompanied by adult family members, etc.) Students should bring a note from the parent/guardian, which states the dates and reasons for the absence. The note should be turned in to the office, at which time the attendance secretary will update the student's attendance in Skyward for the purpose of notifying teachers and obtaining assignments from each teacher. Under Wisconsin State Statutes, a parent may not excuse this child from school for more than 10 days. Absences that include a professional note do not factor into a parents limits.
4. **UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:** Absences, which do not fall into the categories listed above, will not be excused and will result in detention, in-school suspension, and/or conference with parents. Students may be required to remain after school to complete work missed during an unexcused absence. Some work, including tests missed during an unexcused absence, may not be made up. Any student who leaves during the school day, without prior permission, will be considered unexcused. See Wis. State Statute (118.16).
5. **TRUANCY:** Truancy is defined as any unauthorized absence from school, usually without parental permission and/or knowledge. Disciplinary responses will become more severe for repeated offenses. If absences are continuous, parents are subjecting themselves to the possibility of prosecution under state truancy laws.
6. **HABITUAL TRUANCY:** A habitual truant is defined as a student who is absent from school without an acceptable excuse for part of or all of five or more days on which school is held during a school semester. School districts are required by law to schedule a meeting with the parent(s)/guardian of a habitual truant to discuss the student's truancy within a specific time period. The date for the meeting must be within five school days after the date that the habitual truancy notice has been sent to the student's parent/guardian. With the consent of the student's parent/guardian, however, the date for the meeting may be extended for an additional five school days.
7. **TARDINESS:** Because tardiness disrupts the instruction that is occurring in class, students are expected to be in their classes and ready to begin at the appropriate times. Teachers will inform students of their rules regarding tardiness at the beginning of the school year. Students are not to loiter in halls and are not to move about the building without an **assignment book or hall pass** signed by a teacher. If a student is tardy to Block 1 in the morning, he/she should check in at the office. Any time after Block 1 the student must check in at the office. After four tardies or unexcused absences in any semester, a letter will be sent to parents describing the implications of

truancy. After school Detention will be given on the third tardy and truancy proceedings will begin after the fifth tardy/unexcused absence.

8. **EARLY DISMISSAL/LATE ARRIVAL:** If a student must leave school for any reason other than sickness, he/she is required to present a request from home in the form of a note or letter. Whenever possible, appointments should be scheduled outside of the regular school day. If, however, a student must leave early or arrive late, he/she must check in or out at the high school office. When arriving late, the student must be "signed in" by a parent or guardian OR bring a note from a parent which states the reason for the late arrival.

See School Board Policy and Wisconsin Compulsory Attendance Law

BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROGRAM/NOON HOUR

A breakfast and lunch program, available to all students, is served according to regulations set by the State Department of Public Instruction. A computer account is set up for each family. Students may deposit money as needed. Negative accounts will generate notification messages to parents. In order to continue offering meals at the lowest price per student, it is necessary that a maximum number of students participate in this program. Students are to remember that the noon meal is intended to be a lunch and not a complete dinner.

SAFETY

BUS PRIVILEGES

1. All bus rider rules apply to each pupil who rides a school bus at any time for any reason.
2. Students who represent Edgar in any Curricular or Co-curricular activity (i.e. athletics, music, clubs, forensics, etc.) must ride the bus to and from the event unless other transportation, with parents, has been approved in advance by the instructor or principal.
3. A pupil who rides a school bus to an activity or event must return on the bus unless authorized to do otherwise according to school rules.

4. Spectator transportation to co-curricular activities may be provided at a small charge. Students wishing to attend these events must sign up in advance in the high school office. See School Board Transportation Policy and Bus Rider Rules

SPECIAL NOTICE ON SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In the event school is closed because of inclement weather, snowstorm, or excessively cold temperature, announcement will be made over radio/TV stations WDLB/WOSQ-Marshfield, WSAU, WDEZ, WIFC, WRIG, WOFM, WIZD, WXCO & WYCO/Channel 7 & 9-Wausau shortly before 7:00 AM. Please do not call the district administrator or principal or the school because this ties up the telephone lines making it impossible to call the radio stations, bus drivers and other personnel.

SAFETY DRILLS

On receiving a **tornado warning**-the *repeated sounding* of the PA tone signal-students are to move quickly to designated areas and sit facing walls. Monthly **fire drills** are held for the safety of the student, so that in the event of an actual fire, evacuation can be done quickly and safely. Students are not to re-enter the building until the all clear signal has been given. Fire exit and tornado safety signs are posted in each classroom. Please note them.

A lock-down announced over the P.A. system requires all students to vacate the hallways and remain in classrooms for further instructions.

INJURIES, ILLNESS & INSURANCE

All injuries, illness, or personal injury problems should be immediately reported to the teacher. If a student is ill and unable to attend class, report to the office immediately. Because ill students cannot be sent to an empty home, a parent, relative or neighbor will be contacted.

All medications and prescriptions must be stored in the M.S. or H.S. office, not in lockers, backpacks, or elsewhere.

See Emergency Nursing Service Policy;
School Safety Plan

DISCIPLINE

MANNERS AND MISBEHAVIOR

A student's manners or lack of manners show up in the hallway and classroom perhaps more than anywhere else. Students who willfully disregard rules or exhibit behavior, which adversely affects other students or members of the staff, will be issued a "Minor" or "Major" referral form. The accumulation of three minor referrals will result in detention until. Consequences for earning a "Major" referral will vary based on the severity of the incident. Reasons for earning a "Minor" or "Major" referral form typically are skipping class, disruption of class, destruction of property, disrespect, not following attendance policies and inappropriate language or clothing. Students may be assigned a referral for other misbehaviors as this is not an exhaustive list. Students who earn multiple minors and majors will also not be allowed to participate in reward days.

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION involves confinement to the office or other quiet area for 1-5 days during which all past and present class work must be satisfactorily completed. Other appropriate work may also be assigned. The principal has the authority to implement out-of-school suspension for a period of five days.

Repeated disobedience, habitual truancy, vulgarity, profanity, the use or possession of tobacco/vape pens/e-cigarettes on school premises, evidence of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or carrying of dangerous instruments shall constitute good cause for either type of suspension from school.

When a student is suspended, the parent of that student will be notified of the action being taken. The student will not be permitted to attend school activities throughout the duration of the suspension. Repeated cases serious enough to require expulsion will be referred to the district administrator who will arrange a hearing with the Board of Education.

Civil citations will be issued for verbal and/or physical actions directed at staff or other students.

FIGHTING - ZERO TOLERANCE

Anyone who is involved in a physical fight, regardless of who "started it", will be suspended and sent home with parents.

See School Board Policy - Weapons; Tobacco Products Policy; Student Removal from Class

STUDENT BEHAVIOR AROUND THE BUILDING & GROUNDS

Remember that the area around school is either private or public property. In either event, it does not belong to any individual student or any groups of students. Littering, abusing locker doors, and walking on lawns reflect a disregard to other people's property and only serves to raise the operating costs that someone must pay.

At assemblies and group meetings, accord your guest speakers the same courtesy you would your teachers in the classroom. An outside speaker carries with him an impression of the school based upon the behavior of its students.

Respect for your fellow students and staff is of utmost importance. Our learning environment should be one where all individuals feel comfortable and able to fulfill their academic/personal goals.

To insure safety of all students, students are not to run or engage in rough behavior in the halls or classrooms.

Any act of affection beyond hand holding between a boy and girl in the school is considered to be extremely poor taste and will be disciplined appropriately.

Technology - Unsupervised students using the Internet must have parental permission and a signed acceptable use agreement on file. Students are not allowed to use cell phones, pagers, or computer games in classrooms unless granted permission by their classroom teacher.

See School Board Policies - Harassment; Bullying, Student Use of Beepers; Internet Acceptable Use

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Perhaps more than at any other time, and by more people, a school's reputation is judged by the behavior of its students at athletic events. Athletic contests at schools are held for the purpose of acquiring a sense of sportsmanship of athletes and spectators alike. The visiting team and its followers are guests and must be treated as guests. Obviously, good manners preclude booing, hissing, and uncomplimentary remarks. The well-mannered student adheres to the rules of sportsmanship conduct at all athletic events.

CO-CURRICULAR CODE

A 12-month co-curricular code must be signed by parents and participants of any non-credit, school sponsored activity in grades 5-12. This code is to be signed annually before students are eligible to participate. It outlines Academic and Code of Conduct regulations.

See School Board Policy - Co-curricular Activities Code

STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING

Students are to be appropriately dressed and groomed at all times. T-shirts or other clothing deemed as vulgar, abusive or inappropriate will not be allowed in school. Undergarments and the mid-section must be covered. Hats, caps, bandanas, or head coverings are not permitted during normal school hours. Clothing advertising alcohol, drug or tobacco products are forbidden.

LOCKERS, BACKPACKS, DESKS AND BOOKS

Lockers and desks will be kept clean, neat and orderly. Each student is financially responsible for his assigned desk, books and locker that are the joint property of the school and student. Locker inspections may be made at any time during the school year. There is no expectation of privacy by students for use of school lockers and/or parking lots.

See School Board Policy - Locker Search

Students are not permitted to bring coats or backpacks into the classroom. Those items, if brought into the school, should be secured in a locker during the instructional day.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Any school business or supplies needed by students must be taken care of before or after school, between class periods or during the noon hour. No supplies will be given out during class periods.

REWARD DAYS

At the end of each month, students can earn a fun "reward day". Students who are passing all of their classes and have demonstrated appropriate behavior throughout the quarter can attend. Further details on eligibility requirements will be explained to students/parents and may include missing work or the issuance of minor/major referral forms. Students are not eligible to attend reward days if they are suspended during the quarter. Students who did not earn their reward day will stay back at school.

8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP

All 8th graders have the opportunity to participate in the end-of-year 8th grade class trip. Students can fundraise for the trip if they choose to. Students must be in good academic and behavioral standing to attend the trip. Students who are not eligible to attend the trip will stay back at school.

PHONE USE

Office telephones will be used for office purposes only. Messages from parents will be received on the office phone and delivered as swiftly as importance dictates. Students will be called from classes only in cases of emergency. Classroom phones are off-limits to students.

Students are not allowed to use cell phones in classrooms without permission from the classroom teacher. Students can use their phones during lunch and passing time. Students who use their cell phones

without permission in classrooms will have them confiscated. First time offenders will have their phone returned at the end of the school day in the office. For any subsequent offense, the phone will be confiscated and returned once a detention has been served. Repeated disregard will result in the loss of the privilege of having a cell phone at school.

DISCLOSURE

Directory information includes: student's name, present address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, current grade, parents' names, dates and places of attendance, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weights and heights of members of athletic teams, student's photograph, the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student, and degrees and awards received. This information may be disclosed to any person within thirty days of published notice, unless any parent, guardian or eligible student informs the high school office that all or any part of the directory information may not be released without the prior consent of the parent, guardian or eligible student.

See School Board Policy - Records

NONDISCRIMINATION

The Edgar School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, age, race, color, national origin, creed, ancestry, religion, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, pregnancy, disability (physical, mental, emotional, learning) or handicap in the educational programs or activities it operates or in employment.

See School Board Policy - Nondiscrimination

OTHER RELATED SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

Citizen Complaints Against School Personnel

Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act

Corporal Punishment

Student Removal from Class

Wisconsin State Statutes and School Law

-available in District Administrator's office

Edgar School Board Policies

- available in school offices and on the district website

Open Enrollment Policy

DRUG FREE SCHOOLS

The Edgar School District is a Drug Free School.