



Eastside

High School

EASTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Student Handbook

2019-2020

Principal
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Mission Statement

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

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!!!

Student Name:
Grade:
Locker Number:
Locker Combination:
School Phone: 770-784-2920
Web Page: https://ehs.newtoncountyschools.org/
Portal : campus.newton.k12.ga.us/campus/portal/newton.jsp
Twitter: @EHS_Eagles
Instagram: ehs_eagles_eastside
Facebook: @eastsidehighschoolnewtoncounty
EHS Remind 101: Text @8cg66k to 81010

Student Schedule	Teacher	Room Number
1st Period:		
2nd Period:		
3rd Period:		
4th Period:		
5th Period:		
6th Period:		
7th Period:		

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 teachers. You are now a member of the Eastside family and are bestowed with the privilege and responsibility of continuing the tradition of EAGLE PRIDE that has distinguished Eastside High School. Our students and staff have devoted themselves to excellence in all endeavors as recognized by the 2017 Gold Award, 2016 Platinum Award and 2015 Gold Award for Greatest Gains from the Governor's Office of Student Achievement. 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, our two non-negotiable goals are to increase student achievement and to provide more effective teaching. We will continue to build the capacity of personnel to 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 will focus on work centered on **instruction and its outcomes for our students**. This vision will be accomplished by the use of an on-going question-asking and action steps model. Answers must be provided for these questions in order for us to meet our goals:

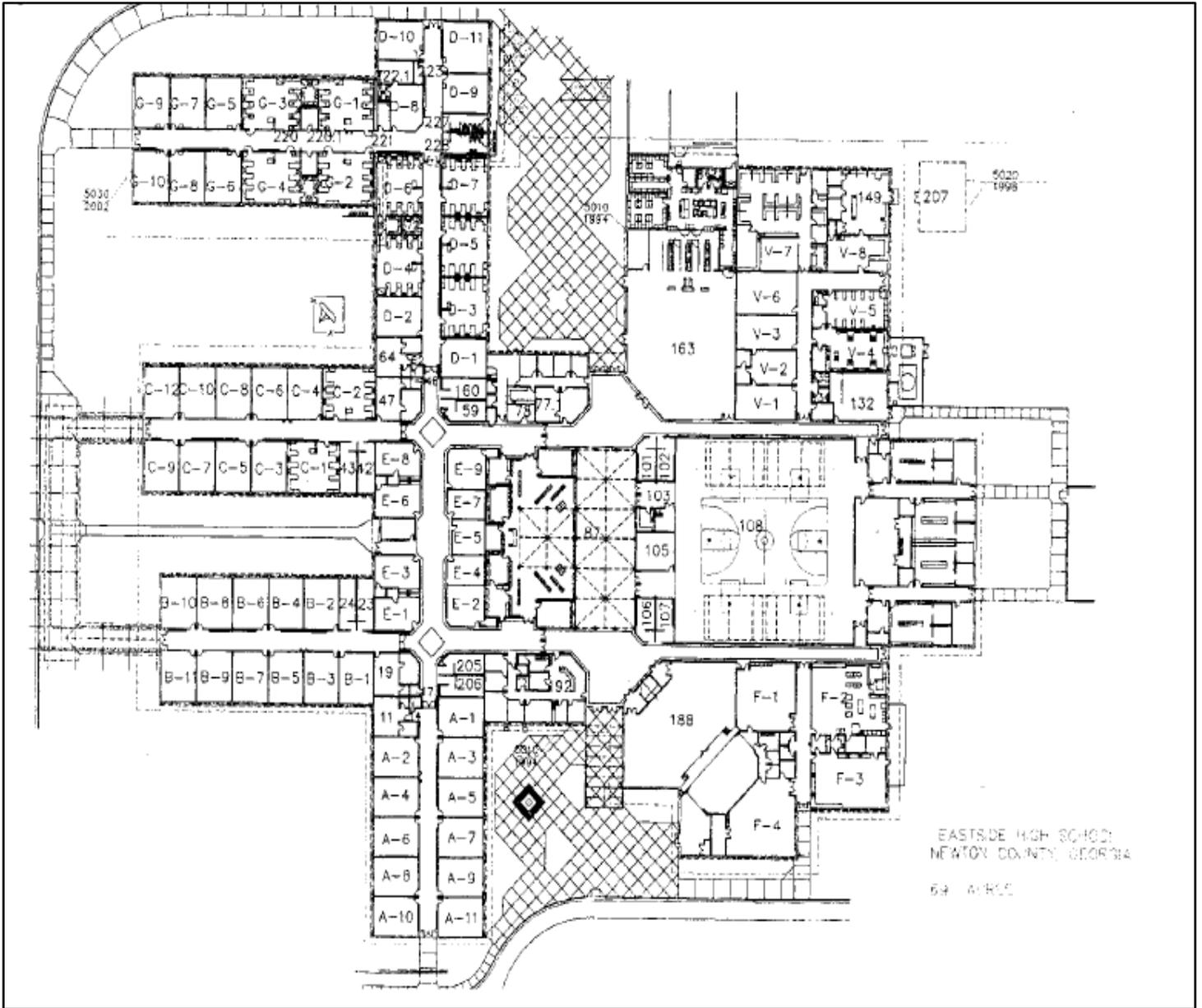
- **What do we want students to know, do, and understand?**
- **How do we best engage students in the learning?**
- **How do we know if students know, do, and understand what we want?**
- **What do we do when students don't know, do, and understand what we want?**

As the educational landscape continues to change, we will continue 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
Anonymous Tip Line – Gang related activity	678-625-5007
Alcoholics Anonymous	404-525-3178
Suicide Prevention—GA Crisis & Access Hotline	800-715-4225 (24 Hours)
Newton County DFCS	770-207-4176
Child Abuse Reporting	1-855-422-4453

Students receive a student handbook for recording assignments, organizing plans, and as a reference source for important school information. Parents and students are encouraged to review the contents of the student handbook to become familiar with the various aspects and procedures of Eastside High School and the Newton County School System. The annual notification of school sponsored clubs and extracurricular activities is included in the handbook. Additionally, the student discipline code of conduct can be found in the handbook.

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 portion of the student handbook 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. 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.

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, juniors and seniors have opportunities to participate in class events such as graduation activities, picnics, and other special experiences. Class dues are \$20 for juniors and seniors. Dues can be paid online through MyPaymentsPlus OR in person before school with cash or money order Tuesday and Thursday mornings. 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 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

Students will not be released from instruction to receive deliveries. Students are not permitted to receive deliveries of fast food from restaurants or visitors while at school. **Please do not deliver flowers, balloons, or other items to school. These items will not be delivered to students during the day.**

DISCIPLINE

All students are expected to meet the expectations of the NCSS Discipline 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.

Subject	Course
English/Language Arts	Ninth Grade Literature, American Literature
Math	Algebra I, Geometry
Science	Biology, Physical Science
Social Studies	US History, Economics

GRADUATION AND PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

Students are assigned to grade level based upon the number of units attained 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. 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 to loiter anywhere in the building.

LOCKERS

Students will be issued a locker during the first two weeks of the school year for use the entire school year. In efforts to ensure the safety and welfare of students and school personnel, school authorities may search a student's vehicle and/or locker and may seize an illegal, unauthorized, or contraband materials discovered in the search.

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 after from 7:50 -8:10 a.m. When a student is released for lunch, he/she should go to the cafeteria and wait in line quietly. The purchase of a ten-day lunch ticket will greatly speed the movement of the line. After eating, students should clean their area and go to the courtyard area or commons area. 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. **Students will not be permitted to eat in the commons area, only the cafeteria and outside courtyard. Commercially prepared lunches may not be delivered to the school. During the lunch period, students are only allowed in the following areas : lunchroom, commons area, courtyard, and media center(room permitting).**

MEDIA CENTER

The media center is open Monday--Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 3 :35 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.

MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

The school cannot be a message service to students unless a true emergency exists. We will announce the names of students who have messages at the end of the day only. All rooms including the gym have loudspeakers. **Please do not deliver flowers, balloons, or other items to school. These items will not be delivered to students during the day.**

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. Juniors and Seniors are required to pay \$20 Class Dues also. 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/locker and may seize an illegal, unauthorized, or contraband materials discovered in the search.

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

- DRIVE SAFELY ON CAMPUS.** Students must drive safely at all times. There will be no speeding, over five (5) miles per hour, or any form of reckless driving on school grounds such as jumping the curb, scratching or driving over medians. 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.
- 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.
- Students must have fewer than 10 unexcused absences 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 first semester.
- Out-of-school or in-school suspension may affect parking privileges. Circumstances will be reviewed and decided at the discretion of the Administration. Habitual tardies to school may result in requirement of proof of residence and/or suspension of a parking permit.
- The student must present a copy of his/her driver's license at the time of permit purchase.
- A student may purchase a permit only if ALL school debts have been cleared.
- All vehicles parked on the school grounds must be registered with the school and **MUST DISPLAY A CURRENT PERMIT.**
- 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.**
- 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.

10. Students may not loiter in the parking lot before or after school.
11. Students are not permitted in the student parking lot from 8:15am - 3:15pm. Students needing to retrieve items from their vehicle during school hours must obtain administrative permission.
12. Parking permits are NON-TRANSFERRABLE between students; any violation will result in both parties losing their permits for one semester.
13. 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.
14. 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 school may result when violators of regulations occur.

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.

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 a *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 Ms. Nickson 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 turn in the Prom Packet ON TIME will result in forfeiture of all tickets and monies paid with no exceptions. Incomplete packets will not be accepted!**
- **Dues:** \$20 Junior and 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, not a right. Therefore, 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 Administration.
- **Attendance:** Students who have accumulated more than 10 unexcused absences 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 at 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 Packet. **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 advisor, Ms. Nickson, or her advisory members, 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.** It is important that our young ladies and young men are dressed in a manner that does not undermine the appropriate values that Eastside promotes as a high school.
- **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>.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Schedule change requests are only received at the beginning of school year within the first week of school. Each request is reviewed by the guidance department and administration. Teacher 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. Parents do have the right to have their child opt out of clubs by filling out the notice provided in the handbook. A list of school sponsored clubs and organizations and their descriptions are listed below:

ACADEMIC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math Club • National Honors Society • Academic Team • History Club 	CAREER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DECA • Eastside Anglers • FCCLA • FBLA • FFA • Sports Medicine Trainers • Future Georgia Educators 	COMMUNICATIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eagle Vision Morning Show • Technology Student Association • Eagle's Nest Comedy Club • Talon Yearbook
FINE ARTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EHS Exclusive Dance Team • Drama Club 	FOREIGN LANGUAGE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French Club • Spanish Club • Junior Classical League 	LANGUAGE ARTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Club • Reading Eagles Book Club • Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Team
LEADERSHIP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beta Club • Gentlemen in the Making (G.I.T.M) • Student Government • Eco Eagles Organization • No Place for Hate • Student Athlete Advisory Council • Ladies Leaving a Legacy 	Competition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eagle Robotics Team • Literary Team • Mock Trial • E-Sports • Ultimate Frisbee Club 	SERVICE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eagle Life • FCA • Interact Club • Key Club • 4H • Prom Committee • Sources of Strength

Art Club. 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. 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.*

Dance Team. 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 keep the crowd's attention to entertain, and to ultimately create an atmosphere of enthusiasm and excitement at sporting and school events.

DECA. 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. The Drama Club strives to promote an interest in theatre 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 Theatre conference, Thespian conference, field trips to professional shows, guest speakers and workshops, candy sales, middle school drama workshops, and regular club meetings.

Eagle Life. 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. The EHS Eagle Robotics team is comprised 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. Eagle Vision is the school video/media club in which we film the morning announcements, acadex shows, 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.

Eagle's Nest Comedy Club. EHS Comedy Club offers students an opportunity to explore the different type and techniques of comedy. Members will learn about Stand Up, Irony & Improv comedy and have an opportunity to implement them into their comedy routine. They are encouraged to see the humor in their everyday situations.

Eastside Anglers. 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 Literary Team. Any student may try out for the Eastside Literary Team. The team competes in a region 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. 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.

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

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). This is an interdenominational sports student-led faith-based club that provides students with opportunities to serve their community and develop a deeper faith and understanding of God.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). 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). FFA-The National FFA Organization develops the potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. Agricultural Education is comprised 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). 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. 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.) 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 strives to enhance themselves socially and academically.

History Club. This club is open to all students, especially those students who are self-proclaimed history buffs. We participate in such activities as: history movie & a date night, historic preservation projects, and other activities that promote expanding historical knowledge. Most importantly- it is all the fun of history... without the lectures!

Interact Club. Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club that gives young people an opportunity to participate in fun, meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills. It's open to students in grades 10-12. This club offers students a chance to become involved in the community and it promotes leadership possibilities and good will towards others. To join the Interact Club, one must be in at least the tenth grade, have two teacher recommendations, have a respectable discipline record, and be in good academic standing. Members participate in the local Rotary Club pack Christmas gifts for families in need. They also send Christmas cards to soldiers serving overseas and assist with Newton County Special Olympics. There are no dues for this club. Meetings are once a month.

Junior Classical League. 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. 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. 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. We learn how to use high school math to do problems you didn't realize could be done with high school math. Specifically, we have fun working together on math competition problems, which are typically not only beautiful, but useless for honing the skills required in your everyday math classes. We get pizza at least once a month too.

National Honors Society. 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. 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. 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 group.

Spanish Club. The Spanish Club offers all students an opportunity to explore the Spanish language and culture. Students have fiestas and gatherings to taste foods from different Spanish-speaking countries.

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

Sports Medicine Trainers. The Sports Medicine Club provides students the opportunity to be introduced to the expanding field of sports medicine and athletic training. Members have the chance to be student athletic training aides to the many athletic teams at Eastside. In the Sports Medicine Club, students learn about athletic injuries, injury evaluation, injury prevention, injury rehabilitation, human anatomy, athletic training history, and more.

Student Athlete Advisory Council. We would promote positive involvement with our school and student athletes in the community to continue to cement our place as not only the best school in the area but the best students. These categories would include service projects, promotion nights at games, spirit events for peripheral sports, and encompassing the entire student body in a way that encompasses our philosophy as a school for the entire community to see.

Technology Student Association. 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.

Ultimate Frisbee Club. Ultimate Frisbee, as defined by the USA Ultimate Board of Directors, is a sport that combines the non-stop movement and athletic endurance of soccer with the passing skills of football. It is played by two teams with a flying disc on a field with end zones, similar to football. The object of the game is to score by catching a pass in the opponent's end zone.

Yearbook. 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. 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 have other opportunities to participate in school activities through the following teams and organizations that require students to meet certain criteria for involvement:

Academic Team
Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Team
Prom Committee
Student Government
E-Sports Team
Mock Trial
Literary Team

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, 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 a satisfactory discipline record.
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.
 - c. Both the President and Vice President are required to participate in any other events sponsored by 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.

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, commons area, and/or media center. 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.