



MEMORANDUM

To:	State Board of Education & Early Development	Date:	October 9, 2024
Thru:	Deena M. Bishop, Ed.D. Commissioner	Telephone:	(907) 269-4583
From:	Suzzuk Huntington, Superintendent/Director Mt. Edgecumbe High School	Subject:	Agenda 19D Mt. Edgecumbe High School Standing Report

Current Enrollment

Target class sizes and openings are general guidelines based on a full capacity dorm and typical schedule. Numbers may be adjusted based on applicants, dorm availability, and class numbers. Seniors and juniors are only accepted if transcripts align with graduation requirements. This is the first year since 2020 that beds were not kept vacant to mitigate illness.

Capacity- 412 Beds (plus day students from Sitka, this year there are 17 Sitka students)

Grade	Target class size	Returning	“Openings”	Accepted new	Class size
9	115-125	0	115-125	106	106
10	115-120	86	*29-34	34	120
11	100-105+	87	*13-18	22	109
12	95-100	87	*8-13	7	94
totals	430	260	about 160	169	429

+We increased the target to 115 for Juniors, considering the applicant pool, dorm availability, and scheduling needs.

*We fully closed admissions the last week in July to leave enough time to arrange travel and for parents to complete the enrollment process. This school year, we re-instituted the “waitlist”, offering

acceptance in August through the first day of classes. Late acceptance was offered to 21 students on the waitlist, of which 4 declined and 17 are now attending MEHS. Additional orientation was offered to the 4 students who arrived after EdgeCamp but within the first two days of classes beginning.

- Returning students: 260 (compared to 237 last year), including 14 (compared to 20) day students
- Not returning: 17 (compared to 27 last year)
- Declined: 14 (compared to 26 last year), plus 4 waitlisted students declined in late August
- Capacity: female dorm beds: 240 (compared to 242), male dorm beds: 172 (compared to 164)

Home Communities

In 2024-205, Mt. Edgecumbe students come from 117 communities in Alaska. The three communities with the largest representation are Anchorage (49 students), Sitka (17 students) and Nome (17 students). Many of the Anchorage students have roots in various communities, though that is not reflected in this data. More than 80% of the communities have 5 or less students attending MEHS.

Year	Home communities	Single student	2-5 students	6-10 students	more than 10 students
2024-2025	117	38	60	12	7
2023-2024	108	32	59	10	6
2022-2023	110	46	46	11	7

Beginning of the Year Initiatives

- Two days were dedicated to New Teacher Orientation again this school year. It works well.
- Implementation of the new Bell Schedule, designed and selected by a teacher-led committee, with 7 class periods 3 days a week and a block schedule once a week between Tuesday & Wednesday - attached
- In-service was led by various teacher-teams, focusing on course and department alignment, EdgeCamp planning, implementation of the new schedule - homeroom, lab, department meetings, professional development, content integration activity (WWII tour) - attached
- Residential Life refined the EdgeLife program teaching new students about the programs and expectations of the various components of residential life and going over updated expectations for returning students
- Early Childhood Education dual credit classes were added in partnership with the University of Alaska Anchorage, leading toward industry certification

Beginning of the Year Noteworthy Events

- Department of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland visited Mt. Edgecumbe High School, touring campus on July 21
- Accreditation was awarded by Cognia for the next 6 years
- Three teachers and two administrators attended the Sealaska Heritage Institute Culturally Responsive Education Conference, August 7-9, using federal grant funds
- Sitka lost internet and cell service on the first day of classes, with tenuous cell service restored on Friday and internet service on Tuesday. Staff, students, and parents were amazingly patient and resilient in dealing with the hardship. Full service may be restored in a week or two.
- Semester schedule reinstated - updated calendar attached
- Weighted grades will go into effect for this year's incoming 9th grade class

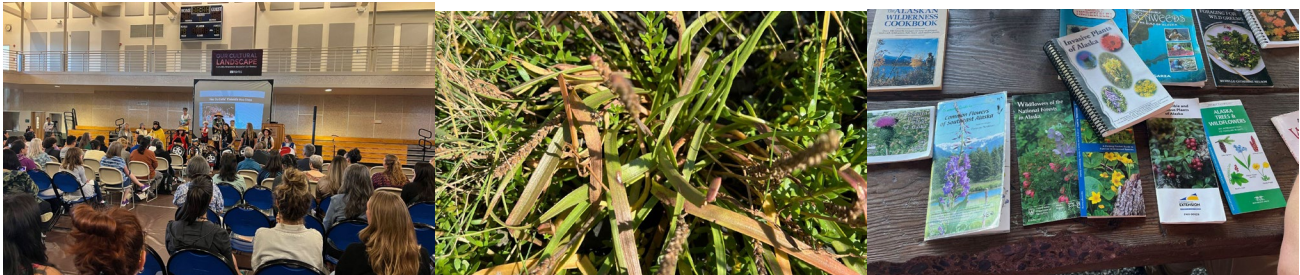
- Received 1000 pounds of coho salmon in the Fish to Schools program through Sitka Wild



Orientation Leaders welcome new students with signs and cheers as they arrive on the Alaska Airlines charter



Department of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, Federal Indian Boarding Schools Initiative, visited MEHS on July 21



Two teachers and two administrators attend Sealaska Heritage Institute Culturally Responsive Conference, August 7-9



Staff gets historical tour of World War II bunkers from a teacher during fall in-service, connecting it to our campus history



Orientation Leaders picnic

Volleyball team traveled to Fairbanks
Visual representation of student body