

A GUIDE TO SCHEDULING AT EDISON

Our Academic Programs

Global STEM: The Global STEM Challenges Program (GSCP) is a three-year, interdisciplinary program that transforms how students learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Students in this program meet for specialized three-period blocks every other day.

International Baccalaureate: An internationally recognized curriculum that focuses on critical thinking, global awareness, and depth of knowledge. IB provides a holistic educational experience that is attractive to colleges worldwide. Can earn college credit through the IB exam.

Edison Academy: A career and technical education center that draws students from multiple high schools. Enrollments in the Academy elective course offerings will provide students with career and academic preparation for life after school. Students enrolling in Academy elective courses will be provided with opportunities to participate in a variety of career experiences including shadowing, mentoring, and/or internships with local businesses.

More details can be found at edisonhs.fcps.edu/student-services/academic-advising

Planning to Take Choir?

At Edison, we currently have a limited amount of choral ensembles to choose from. Here are some details about each. Please note the course numbers.

Impact (Tenor/Bass Chorus) | 928517

This is our non-auditioned basso choir, which is primarily composed of underclassmen tenors and basses. Students in this group focus on learning the fundamentals of singing and music theory and regularly perform at school concerts and events.

Insight (Soprano/Alto Chorus) | 928516

This is our non-auditioned treble choir, which is primarily composed of underclassmen sopranos and altos. Students in this group focus on learning the fundamentals of singing and music theory and regularly perform at school concerts and events.

Ingenuity (Advanced Soprano/Alto Chorus) | 928916

This is our auditioned treble choir, which is primarily composed of upperclassmen sopranos and altos. Students in this group are expected to move at a faster pace and sing more difficult music. This choir performs at more community events and is considered Edison's flagship ensemble.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can my child be in a specialized program AND take choir?

- Yes, we have many students that are involved in the various programs at Edison! Just communicate that you want to do choir with your counselor and program director.

My child's schedule is full with required classes and a choir class cannot fit.

- Contact your counselor about possibly taking a class over the summer/online. Many students take PE over the summer, for example, to free up an extra class due to schedule restraints or to take two electives like choir and theatre. Students can access HPE through Fairfax County's online program, or during the summer they can access private programs, but these must be approved in advance.

My child cannot fit into a non-auditioned choir, what should I do?

- Contact Mr. Butler as soon as possible to see if he can schedule an after-school audition with your student.

What do requirements for student-athletes look like in choir?

- Communication is key. We have many students that participate in a variety of sports. Choir is considered co-curricular (there's a grade attached) and sports are extra-curricular (no grade attached); however, I try to be as flexible as I can to ensure students can do all of the things that they enjoy.

Are there after school rehearsals?

- Yes, we have two rehearsals after school per concert. These dates are given at the beginning of the year to help with scheduling and other events (sports, family activities, jobs, appointments, etc.). Any conflicts can be communicated in advance to find a solution or alternative.

Does the choir travel? If so, how does funding work?

- Yes, we are excited to be traveling next school year to compete in a choir festival! We will be doing a variety of fundraisers throughout the year to help reduce costs for all students in choir.

We've tried everything and still cannot take choir.

- It's okay – choir is offered every year, so please don't fret. We have a variety of performing arts classes to choose from. I'd suggest taking piano or theatre as an alternative to stay active in the arts until a spot in your schedule opens up. Please don't give up on making music!

Any questions not answered here can be directed to Mr. Butler.

He will be happy to help answer any questions or point you in the direction to find the answer.

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