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**EDGE Academy at Walnut Grove Secondary School**

The Walnut Grove EDGE Academy is an integrated studies approach that combines a multitude of environmental and out of the classroom experiences that enhances the teaching of existing programs.

The program is founded on a blending of classroom-based activities and out of class outings. In many cases, the out-trips will be used to gather information and data that will be later used in the classroom. In other cases, the out-trip activities will in fact become the classroom with readings, lectures, research, journal writing and classroom instruction happening at the wilderness site.

Along with a number of day outings, the EDGE Academy will involve three extended field trips in September (3 days), January (3 days) and May (4 days). Students are timetabled into classes in such a way as to minimize loss of class time in non-EDGE subjects.

**Age of Students:** 16

One-Year Program

**Current Year Enrolment:**

The EDGE Academy did not operate in 2020-21 but will be offered in 2021-22.

**Courses Offered/Credit Received:**

Students in the EDGE Academy will be enrolled in Literacy Studies 11 EDGE, Human Geography 11 EDGE, Outdoor Education 11 EDGE and one of Math Foundations 11, Pre-Calculus 11 or Pre-Calculus 12. These 4 courses will be scheduled into one full day of the timetable block cycle. Students select 4 additional courses for the other day. EDGE classes are taught by 4 EDGE teachers who are responsible for integration of the curricula. At the end of the year students will have met all ministry requirements for English 11, Social Studies 11, PE 11 and \*Mathematics 11 and will receive 4 credits for each.

\*EDGE students can take one of three Mathematics courses within the program: Foundations of Math 11, Pre-Calculus 11 or Pre-Calculus 12.

**Fees charged:**

A fee of \$775 will be charged to each student. Funds cover cost of transportation, camp registrations and accommodations on all trips.

The hardship policy applies to all enrolled students.

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