

EDGE Academy at Walnut Grove Secondary School

The Walnut Grove EDGE Academy is an integrated program that combines a multitude of environmental and out of the classroom experiences that enhances the teaching of existing programs. The EDGE program is focused on bolstering student academics, personal growth, leadership skills, and a sense of belonging for all participants through collaborative learning experiences, both inside and outside the classroom.

In the EDGE program students connect directly with the natural world through place-based learning activities and trips which enable them to integrate their learning into the wider world and to make personal connections. The physical and social environment that is created in the EDGE program supports the intellectual, personal, and social & emotional development described in the core competencies.

Along with a number of day outings, the EDGE Academy will involve three extended field trips in April (2 days), May (4 days) and June (3 days). Students are scheduled in EDGE second semester and the rest of their courses in semester one to minimize loss of class time in non-EDGE subjects.

Current Year Enrolment: 72

Courses Offered/Credit Received:

Students in the EDGE Academy will be enrolled in English First Peoples Literature 11 EDGE, Human Geography 11 EDGE, Outdoor Education 11 EDGE and one of Math Foundations 11, Pre-Calculus 11 or Pre-Calculus 12. Students select 4 additional courses for the other semester. 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, PHE 11 and a *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.