

The New Edgar Middle School

Optimizing Instructional Spaces to Elevate Academic Achievement, Student Wellness, and
Targeted Support



Before we begin.....

The NJDOE School Performance reports ranked Edgar Middle School in the 94.81 percentile. We are #10 in the state out of over 1400 middle schools!

District	School (Top 10)	Percentile rank
Mendham	Mendham Middle	99.58
MCVTS	Edison Academy	99.17
MCVTS	Woodbridge Ac	98.62
Montgomery	Lower Middle	97.83
Demarest	Demarest Middle	96.38
Upper Saddle R.	Cavallini Middle	96.08
Paramus	Paramus Middle	95.42
Old Tappan	DeWolf Middle	95.05
Tenafly	Tenafly Middle	94.87
Metuchen	Edgar Middle	94.81

Wellness

Middle school students require spaces that support both academic growth and social-emotional well-being. Strategic space utilization is designed to directly enhance regulation, relationship-building, and overall school climate.

Dedicated Wellness Spaces

Zen Dens

Dedicated student regulation spaces providing short-term calming options, reducing behavioral escalation, and promoting self-management.

Alternate Lunch Space

A quieter, structured setting for students overwhelmed in the cafeteria supports sensory sensitivities, anxiety, and restorative practices.

Music Suite Expansion

A general music room & orchestra practice room, expanding rehearsal access, small-group instruction, and scheduling flexibility.



Student Support Services Suite

Counseling Offices

All members of the Student Support Services Team have their own spaces to privately meet with students.



Conference Room

Our new conference room allows for team meetings. Our Science Department is adopting a new curriculum. We have been using the Conference Room for staff development.

Student meetings can be held with our Student Advisory Board as well as the Mental Health Ambassadors.



Intervention & Student Support

As student needs continue to evolve, dedicated intervention spaces are essential for providing targeted academic and therapeutic support consistently and confidentially.

Specialized Support Suites

Intervention Suite

A shared intervention suite for Speech services, Occupational Therapy, and Orton-Gillingham instruction provides specialized tools in a therapeutic, distraction-free setting.

Dedicated RTI Room

Centralizes Response to Intervention support, streamlining progress monitoring, Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions, and scheduling continuity.



Inclusive & Targeted Learning—



Small Group Instruction Rooms

- ✓ Empowers teachers to provide targeted academic interventions and reteaching.
- ✓ Small group testing
- ✓ Enhances overall classroom differentiation within the standard school day (i.e. WIN)



Self-Contained Classroom

- ✓ Larger space that offers more movement within the classroom
- ✓ Incorporate specialized programming and individualized sensory equipment.
- ✓ Comprehensive support tailored for students with unique learning needs.

What's Next?

Media Center-Makerspace

