



MIDDLESEX COUNTY MAGNET SCHOOLS

EDISON ACADEMY & WOODBRIDGE ACADEMY · CLASS OF 2031

For students applying in 8th grade for entry in September 2027.

CLASS OF 2031 DATES HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASED

As of September 8, 2026, Middlesex County Magnet Schools has **not** published its Class of 2031 calendar. Both academy pages still display last year's cycle.

Every date in this guide is last year's actual date, provided for planning only. We check both pages weekly and will reissue this guide the day confirmed dates post. The eligibility rules and exam content below do not change year to year and can be relied on now.

THE ALGEBRA 1 REQUIREMENT

Check this before anything else

Both academies require a full year of Algebra 1, completed before graduating middle school. This is a hard eligibility requirement, not a preference.

A summer school Algebra 1 course does not satisfy it.

Pre-algebra does not satisfy it at any level, regardless of what the course is named.

Students who complete Algebra 1 in 7th grade satisfy the requirement early.

Accepted Woodbridge students must also complete **Geometry** before beginning classes, offered on site over the summer.

If your child is not in a full year Algebra 1 course right now, contact us this week. This determines eligibility before any test score matters.

TWO ACADEMIES, TWO DIFFERENT EXAMS

	EDISON ACADEMY	WOODBIDGE ACADEMY
Focus	Engineering, mathematics, science and technology	Allied health and biomedical sciences
Exam covers	Mathematics, English, Essay. No science section.	Mathematics, Science, Reading, Writing. Science is included.
Test window	Early December, weeks before every other Central Jersey exam	Mid January, snow date the following Saturday
Format	Three hours, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at both academies. No walk ins are permitted.	
Phase 2	February interview plus a recommendation letter	February interview
Selectivity	Over 500 applicants for roughly 44 seats	Accepted students generally hold an A average

FOUR THINGS YOU CAN DO NOW, BEFORE DATES POST

Confirm your child is in a full year Algebra 1 course. Nothing else matters until this is settled.

Decide between Edison and Woodbridge. The exams differ and the dates fall weeks apart.

Create your MCMS SchoolMint account now, and watch the parent email you list on it. Every testing detail is sent there.

Verified against official district sources on September 8, 2026. Sources: the Edison and Woodbridge admissions pages and FAQs at mcmsnj.net, plus the published Woodbridge exam sample questions. M.E.K. Review is an independent test preparation company and is not affiliated with, endorsed by, or sponsored by any school district. Please confirm all dates directly with the district.

WHAT WE KNOW TODAY

CONFIRMED AND STABLE

Eligibility rules, exam content, the two phase structure, and the interview requirement. These do not change year to year.

NOT YET PUBLISHED

Application window, application deadline, open house dates, and both exam dates for the Class of 2031.

EDISON EXAM COVERS

Math, English, Essay

No science section.

WOODBIDGE EXAM COVERS

Math, Science, Reading, Writing

OPEN HOUSE

Not mandatory

Neither academy lists attendance as a required step, unlike Monmouth and Union. We still recommend going.

EXAM REGISTRATION

Automatic

Every applicant who applies by the deadline and meets eligibility is registered. Details are emailed in December to the parent address on the application.

RESIDENCY

Middlesex County residents only. Private and parochial students are considered residents of the public district they live in, not the school they attend.

IF NOT SELECTED

Both academies keep a waiting list. Woodbridge applicants who do not reach the interview stage may then apply to Perth Amboy, East Brunswick or Piscataway Magnet.

HOW TO APPLY

mcmsnj.schoolmint.com

Edison Academy: 732-452-2600

Woodbridge Academy: 732-634-5858

PLANNING CALENDAR

Last cycle's dates. A reliable shape, not confirmed dates.

MILESTONE	CLASS OF 2030, ACTUAL	WHAT TO EXPECT FOR THE CLASS OF 2031
Application opens	October 1, 2025	Early October 2026, through the MCMS SchoolMint portal
Edison open house	Sat, October 11, 2025	A Saturday in early to mid October. The program begins behind Crabel Hall on the Middlesex College campus
Woodbridge open house	Sat, October 4, 2025	A Saturday in early October at 1 Convery Boulevard
Application deadline	November 26, 2025	Late November 2026. Late applications are not accepted under any circumstance
8th grade MP1 report card	Requested by Dec. 15	Submit your portion and the 7th grade final card by the deadline. The MP1 card may follow afterward
Edison exam	Sat, December 6, 2025	Early December 2026. The earliest exam of any school we prepare students for
Woodbridge exam	Sat, January 10, 2026 Snow date January 17	Mid January 2027 , with a snow date the following Saturday
Interviews	February 2026	February 2027. Edison also requires a letter of recommendation at this stage
Decisions	Spring 2026	Edison posts status to the portal by the end of January and interview outcomes in March. Woodbridge notifies within about four weeks of the interview

WHAT THE WOODBRIDGE SCIENCE SECTION REALLY IS

We reviewed the district's published sample questions. The science items are **not** simply reading comprehension with a science topic. One sample is a bare ecology question with no passage at all, asking students to reason about what happens to other populations when one population in a food web declines. That requires real content knowledge.

A second presents two students arguing about hand sanitizer, and answering it correctly depends on understanding antimicrobial resistance.

What this means for preparation: Woodbridge applicants need genuine middle school science review, covering ecosystems, food webs and basic biology, alongside the skill of evaluating a scientific claim. Reading strategy alone will not carry this section.

AND THE WRITING SECTION

The published sample asks students to propose one feature for a newly designed high school and defend it in a **four to five paragraph report** with a clear introduction, body and conclusion. Planning space is provided, but the **essay itself is handwritten on lined paper** under time pressure. That is a distinct skill from typed classroom writing, and we practice it as one.

WHAT GOES IN THE APPLICATION

Completed online application, signed by a parent or guardian

7th grade final report card

8th grade marking period 1 report card, when available

Discipline records

Attendance records

Standardized test scores

Letter of recommendation, for Edison at the interview stage

A TIMING TRAP WORTH KNOWING

The deadline applies to **your** portion of the application and the 7th grade final report card. The district understands the 8th grade MP1 card may not exist yet. Save your application rather than submitting until that card is in hand, but if the deadline arrives first, **submit anyway**. The district will obtain it from your counselor.

Missing the deadline is fatal. A missing MP1 card is not.

WHY YOUR CHILD IS IN THE COHORT THEY ARE IN

COHORT	MEETS	WHY
Edison Academy Tuesday and Wednesday	Tuesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 PM, English Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Math	Edison tests in early December and its exam carries no science section. This cohort runs on a compressed calendar built around that earlier date
Saturday cohort Woodbridge, MCVSD, UCVTS	Saturdays, 9:00 to 11:00 AM, testing 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, lectures	These three exams fall in January and share most of their scope. Science is taught as targeted additional practice for Woodbridge applicants only