

2022 Edgewood Experience

The Edgewood Experience is an immersive educational program for local high school students founded in 2021. The program will last for six weeks from **July 12th** to **August 18th**. The program will be held on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays** from **9:00 AM- 4:00 PM** (see schedule on pages 3 and 4).

Program Goals

- Explain the role that local governments serve
- Empower youth to become active citizens
- Explore career paths in local government
- Provide professional and personal development opportunities
- Reach underrepresented community members
- Share the unique organizational culture of Edgewood
- Improve City processes and the Edgewood Experience program

Program Facilitation

City staff and guest speakers will prepare program materials to engage with students on various topics. Students will be given an opportunity to learn about each City department, Board, Commission and Council. Students will also work on important professional development activities.

Participating Schools

To develop the program, the City partnered with five (5) local high schools serving Edgewood: Chief Leschi, Fife, Puyallup, Sumner, and Walker. School representatives nominate one (1) student to participate in the program from their respective school. The 5 nominated students are given the opportunity to participate in the program.



Student Compensation/ Terms of Employment

Each student is paid \$15.90/hour. 18 hrs/week x 6 weeks total = \$1,620 total. This is a temporary, paid opportunity, without benefits and with no guarantee of future employment with the City.

Week 1: July 12- July 14

Tuesday- Welcome to Edgewood

Wednesday- Introduction to Local Government

Thursday- Professional and Personal Development Activities

Week 2: July 19-21

Tuesday- Information Technology

Wednesday- Planning Division

Thursday- Planning Division

Week 3: July 26-28

Tuesday- Public Works Department

Wednesday- Engineering Division

Thursday- Building Division

Week 4: August 2-4

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Wednesday- Code Enforcement

Thursday- Development Review Process

Week 5: August 9-11

Tuesday- Other Government Functions (Council, Boards, Committees)

Wednesday- Administration and Finance Department

Thursday- Reflection and Revisit Topics

Week 6: August 16-18

Tuesday- Police Department

Wednesday- Police Department and Emergency Management

Thursday- Reflection and Revisit Topics