

WELCOME BACK FROM SUPERINTENDENT DR. BARY HABROCK



Each new school year brings a renewed sense of possibility, promise, excitement, and hope. We return to school this month proud of what has already been achieved in the Elkhorn Public Schools – in classrooms, competitive venues, and stages. We celebrate these achievements and prepare for even greater successes this year.

The Elkhorn Public Schools is the collective effort of so many, including: dedicated students who give their best each day, nurturing and supportive parents, caring teachers who teach with passion and purpose, committed support staff, thoughtful board members, and a community that sets the highest priority and expectations for the education of our youth. This long-standing partnership of community expectation has been the guidepost for our district of rural roots to grow into a premier school district.

Student achievement remains the core value that informs our actions and decisions in the district. Our students consistently score well-above state and national averages. We have two nationally recognized high schools that maintain an outstanding graduation rate with almost all going on to higher learning. Our community understands the value of schools where the names and needs of students are known well.

Last fall, a record 8,408 students in grades K-12 brought enrollment up by more than 7.6 percent from the prior year and made 2016 the 30th consecutive year of district growth. Elkhorn continues to be a prime destination for families and commercial development. The board of education and administration continue to focus our planning in response to this growth, requiring additional classroom space at all levels - elementary, middle and high school - in the near future.

In closing, I am honored to serve as the superintendent of the Elkhorn Public Schools. Having joined the Elkhorn Public Schools in 1999, I understand that our community partnership will continue to be a key driver of our success. Only together can we ensure every student thrives in school and is prepared to write their future story beyond our system. On behalf of the Elkhorn Board of Education, the staff, and most importantly, the students, we thank you for your continued support of our schools.

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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2017

Elementary, Grades K-5
8:15am - 3:06pm

Middle School, Grades 6-8
8:10am - 3:20pm

High School, Grades 9-12
Modified First Day
9th Grade: 8:10am - 11:45am
10th-12th Grade: 12pm - 3:20pm

Buses will run regular schedules for elementary and middle school students. High school bus routes will run on the regular schedule with an additional drop off when freshman are dismissed at 11:45 a.m. Students in grades 10-12 who ride the bus will need to make alternate arrangements to arrive at school by 12 p.m.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

New Student Registration will be held at all Elkhorn Schools on Wednesday, August 2 and Thursday, August 3 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please call your school office the week prior to set up a new student registration appointment. If you are unsure of your school assignment, visit elkhornweb.org or call the EPS Administration Building at (402) 289-2579.



The below items are required for registration:

1. Birth Certificate (all grade levels)
2. Proof of district residence (all grade levels)
3. Immunization Record - immunizations for poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, hepatitis B (all grades), and two doses of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) are required for all students. A new state requirement also mandates that students must provide proof of two varicella (chicken pox) immunizations or proof that they have had the disease.
PLEASE NOTE: proof of immunization is required before attendance is allowed.
4. Current physical examination and visual examination documentation (within six months) is required for all kindergartners and seventh graders; this is also mandated for all students who enroll from out of state.
5. For foster children or wards of the state or court, court documents and pertinent school records must be provided prior to admission.
6. School records from previous schools (all grades).

BACK-TO-SCHOOL 101 INFORMATION

Dates for the 2017-2018 school year Back-to-School 101 for all Elkhorn schools have been set, according to the following schedule:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Tuesday, August 8, 10am – 7pm

Arbor View, Hillrise, Manchester, Sagewood, Westridge, West Dodge Station

Wednesday, August 9, 10am – 7pm

Fire Ridge, Skyline, Spring Ridge, West Bay

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Wednesday, August 9, 10am – 7pm

HIGH SCHOOLS

(EHS) Friday, August 4, 12pm - 6pm

(ESHS) Monday, August 7, 12pm - 6pm

Families will complete student information cards, deposit lunch money, update health forms, purchase activity passes, turn in activity forms and have their school pictures taken. Students are reminded to dress appropriately as the dress code applies for school pictures.

BECOME A MENTOR TODAY!

Elkhorn Public Schools Partners in Education Mentoring Program is seeking adult volunteers to mentor students in grades K-12. Mentors are asked to volunteer at least one hour each week, and may indicate preference of grade levels and times. Orientation will be provided and a building facilitator will be available to answer questions. For further information or to volunteer please contact Kara Perchal at (402) 289-2579 or kperchal@epsne.org.



DISTRICT GROWTH AND EXPANSION

A quickly expanding district is not a new concept for the Elkhorn Public Schools as families continue to see the Elkhorn school district as a premier destination for education. The district has experienced over 30 consecutive years of growth, with an average increase of 7.5% annually for the past five years. This means that annually there are 500-600 new students starting in the district in August that were not here the May prior. Projected growth in upcoming years continues to climb, with significant development expansions occurring in the following areas within our district boundaries:

- Northwest Development – 382 platted lots
- Northeast Development – 2765 platted lots, 800 apartments
- Southeast Development – 2243 apartments
- Southwest Development – 1498 platted lots

With an expectation of even greater continued growth in the coming years, the Board of Education and district administration continue to monitor projections and develop a plan to best serve a growing school district. A converging need for classroom space at all levels is quickly developing as several school buildings are approaching maximum capacity which will require expanded and new buildings throughout the district, including a third high school in the near future.



DISTRICT NOTICES

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

Elkhorn Public Schools unites students, families, educators and the community to ensure a challenging and enriching academic environment that inspires students to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to become responsible citizens and lifelong learners.

CHILD FIND

The Elkhorn Public School District requests your help in locating children and youth with disabilities who are eligible to benefit from Special Education or 504 accommodations. If you know of a youth who is a resident of the District, who may have a disability and is not receiving needed services, please contact the Director of Special Education, 20650 Glenn St. Elkhorn, NE, 68022, (402) 289-2579.

DISTRICT WEBSITE

The Elkhorn Public Schools website contains current, valuable information for staff, students, parents, District homeowners and other interested parties. The site includes the annual report, board of education information, general district information, maps, calendars and much more and can be found at www.elkhornweb.org. For additional information about the district or any other public school district in Nebraska, visit the Nebraska Department of Education website at www.education.ne.gov.

BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The distribution of individual handouts to students is not permitted. In place of this practice, the district publishes the Elkhorn Express and distributes it to all K-8 students ten times throughout the school year. The Elkhorn Express features advertisements, and notices that are of interest to families.

For a additional information, please contact Mike Overmann at the Post Gazette, (402) 289-2329.



HIGHLIGHTS

The Elkhorn Public Schools publishes the HIGHLIGHTS for the sole purpose of informing district residents of the programs, procedures, and progress of the school district. Questions or comments should be addressed to: Superintendent Bary Habrock, 20650 Glenn Street Elkhorn, NE 68022, (402) 289-2579

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TDD/Voice All Schools

The EPS Highlights are distributed twice throughout the school year to keep our community informed about important things taking place in our schools. We encourage you to read the Highlights, participate in activities in your neighborhood school, and offer feedback on information you would like to see included in the Highlights. Questions or comments can be directed to the Administration Office by calling (402) 289-2579 or emailing kperchal@epsne.org.