



August 2, 2017

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to another great school year at Elkhorn GRANDVIEW Middle School! I hope all of you had an enjoyable summer. Elkhorn has a tradition of strong academics and activities and we are as committed as ever to our core mission of helping each and every student experience growth academically, socially, and emotionally.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

School for all students will begin on Thursday, **August 17 at 8:10 a.m.** An alternative schedule will be designed the first two days to give extra time for orientation activities for all students. Building tours, transitional activities and an extended lunch period will be a part of this orientation.

All students will enter the building upon arrival (not before 7:40am) and report directly to the gym. If you feel your child needs additional time in the building prior to school starting, please give us a call to discuss those concerns.

The first day will function as a normal school day and will end at 3:20 p.m. Lunches will be served and buses will run. If you have questions about bus transportation, please call Chief School Bus service, (402) 392-2144 or Central Office, (402) 289-2579.

Start & Ending Time

- The official school day starts at 8:10am and ends at 3:20pm. There is morning supervision on duty starting at 7:40am and students will head to their first class at 8:00am.

Front Entrance

- At approximately 8:15am, the security system will activate and any student, parent, or visitor needing entrance into the building will need to push the "Video Call Button" to alert the office that you are requesting entry. An office staff member will then trigger the door to open for entry.

FOOTBALL & VOLLEYBALL (7th & 8th graders only)

- On the second day of school (Friday, August 18), coaches will conduct an informational meeting that students should attend if they are interested in playing that sport. These meeting will be after school and will last until 3:55pm.
- Monday, August 21, will be the first official practice. Regular practices will be from 3:30-5:00pm. Coaches will announce the date of a parent meeting after practices have begun.
- Students participating in sports must have their physicals turned in before they can begin practicing. For FB and VB, it is imperative that you turn your physical in at [Back to School 101](#) on August 10.
- Parents can access game schedules by visiting the [Activities Calendar](#) located on our website.
- EPS will be charging admission at middle school athletic events. Admission will be adults=\$3 and students=\$2. Purchasing an activity pass will give you free admission to ALL Elkhorn Public School activities (middle & high school). You may purchase

activity passes at [Back to School 101](#) or on-line. [Purchase Activity Passes On-line Here.](#)

STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

- Parents will have the option to drop-off and pick-up in the front OR in the parking lot in the back of the building. Remember, the access road that runs directly in front of the building starts as two-way traffic so vehicles may turn left when exiting the parking lot and then changes to a one-way road from West to East as you pass in front of the building. For parents who plan to arrive for pick-up before 3:20pm, if these areas are full, we encourage parents to line up on Grand Ave in front of the track and continue around the curve onto 176th. This entire route has a sidewalk up to Ames Ave which allows for safe, curbside pickup. If you pick-up at the corner of 176th & Ames Ave, students would only be walking 2-3 blocks. Just an FYI - The pick-up line after school will not start moving until about 3:25pm.
**Important Note:* All student pick-up needs to be curb side. Students will not be allowed to cross traffic to get to their ride. This is a safety issue and will assist in keeping traffic moving.
**Parking is not allowed on Grand Ave directly in front of the school. The road is not wide enough to accommodate parking and 2-way traffic.*
- Bus loading zone will also be in the front. We will have signs posted to designate the bus loading zone.

OPEN HOUSE/CURRICULUM NIGHT - August 14

Times for each grade level are listed below. Open House provides all parents the chance to meet teachers and learn about curriculum opportunities and team procedures. See attached flyer for specific times for each grade level.

COMMUNICATION

We work, as a staff, to ensure that students and parents are informed. All mass communications will be send via email through School Messenger. Make sure you have an updated email address on file with the school. Please note, and look for, the following venues of communication during the course of the year:

- Newsletters every month – emailed via School Messenger and on the EGMS website (elkhornweb.org).
- PowerSchool – online access to your child’s gradebook in each subject. Parent access will be activated on August 29.
- Parent communication meetings – monthly.
- Parent Booster Club – sign up opportunities will be at [Back to School 101](#) and Open House. Here are the different ways you can get involved: [EGMSBooster1](#) , [EGMSBooster2](#)
- 4 ½ week progress reports sent home requiring a parent/guardian signature.
- 9 week report cards mailed home.
- Parent-Teacher conferences – **October 17, 18 and February 14, 15.**

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Seventh grade students are required to have a physical exam as part of the entrance into 7th grade. This physical also allows students to participate in athletics. All 7th graders must provide evidence of 1 dose of Tdap (must contain Pertussis booster) before attending classes this fall:

***8th GRADE ONLY* - ONE DEVICE PER STUDENT PARENT ORIENTATIONS**

All 8th grade students in the district will be given a Chromebook for the 2017-18 school year. Parents should attend an informational meeting to receive policies and learn about the student computing device coverage program and instructional benefits. You are not required to purchase the coverage plan, but if you do, please bring a check or cash for \$20 to [BTS 101](#) or the parent presentation you attend. Parent Presentations at EGMS are scheduled for the following dates and times. You only need to attend one of the sessions. Students do not need to attend this meeting, only parents. Policies/Handbooks, Coverage Plans & Permission Forms can all be access through the [BTS 101](#) page.

EGMS Parent Presentations:

- Thursday, August 10 – 11:00am
- Thursday, August 10 – 5:00pm
- Thursday, August 10 – 7:30pm
- Monday, August 14 – 7:00pm (during Open House, immediately following the 8th grade teacher presentation)

Please see the attached staff list in order to familiarize yourself with your child's teachers. We encourage you to contact teachers directly if you have any concerns about your student's classroom performance.

One of our goals every year is to get you, the parents, involved in your child's education. Middle School is not a time to be pulling back. In fact, research will show that it is a critical time for parents to be involved and active in their child's life. They may act like they are pulling away from you, but in reality they need your guidance and support more than ever. We encourage you to visit with our parent booster club at [Back to School 101](#) next week to see how you can get involved and support your child's school!

All of us at EGMS are dedicated to serving you and your child. As the year progresses, I encourage you to call and talk with those who might be able to help you the most. If your question deals with in-class events, please ask to speak with the teacher. If it deals with the overall program, curriculum or activities, please call the administration.

Myself and the entire staff at EGMS are committed to helping your child experience academic, social and emotional growth this year. With your support and involvement your child will learn! If you have any questions, at any time, don't hesitate to call us at 402-289-9399.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Tomjack, Principal

BACK TO SCHOOL 101

AUGUST 10, 2017

The middle schools will have Back to School days for all students before school starts. The date & time for Back to School 101 is **August 10th - 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Please visit the Back to School 101 page on our website for blank forms and additional information that will save you time and will make your visit more efficient.

Students will arrive and proceed through a series of stations:

- 1) Pick-up Student Information Cards and make any necessary changes
- 2) Pick-up Student Agenda/Handbook and sign release form
- 3) Pick-up and sign COPPA Form and Eclipse Positive Permission Form
- 4) One Device per Student Information & Permission Form - **8th GRADE ONLY**
- 5) Optional: Prepay for Yearbook (\$30.00) and Student Directory (\$5.00)
- 6) EGMS Booster Club Info and EGMS Spirit Wear
- 7) Athletic Information/Athletic Physical Forms, Activity Pass (\$35.00)
Seventh and eighth graders will need an activity pass if they will be participating in sports.
- 8) Lunch Accounts
- 9) School pictures (Picture packets are optional, school yearbook photo-no charge)
- 10) Health Update Forms, School Physicals, Immunizations
- 11) Return signed COPPA Form & Eclipse Positive Permission Form
- 12) Return signed Student Information Card & Receipt of Handbook
- 13) Pick-up student schedule
- 14) Questions/answers

SMILE!

School pictures will be taken during BTS 101. Please dress accordingly.





Elkhorn Public Schools

MIDDLE SCHOOL Supply List

Elkhorn MS, Elkhorn Grandview MS, Elkhorn Ridge MS, Elkhorn Valley View MS

The following student supply list is provided to assist you this summer and early fall to prepare for the school year. Students are encouraged, but not required, to bring the following school supplies. Please note this is a year round list to be kept throughout the year.

6th Grade

#2 Pencils
Erasers
Blue or black pens
Red pen
Markers
Highlighters
Colored pencils
Dry erase markers
Glue Sticks
Loose-leaf paper
(4) Single-subject notebooks
(1) Composition notebook
Index cards
(3) boxes of tissues
(1) 2" three-ring binder
5 tab dividers
Trapper with (7) 2 pocket folders or accordion file
Inexpensive ear buds

7th Grade

#2 pencils
Erasers
Blue or Black pens
Red pen
Markers
Highlighters
Colored pencils
Dry erase markers
Glue Sticks
Loose-leaf paper
(College ruled)
(6) Single subject notebooks
(2) Composition notebook
Calculator (w/ fraction key)
Index cards
(3) boxes of tissue
(1) 1" 3-ring binder
Organizational system
(folders or trapper)
Inexpensive earbuds

8th Grade

#2 pencils
Blue or black pens
Red pen
Highlighters
Colored pencils
Dry erase markers
Glue Sticks
Loose-leaf paper
(College ruled)
(6) 2 Pocket folders
(6) Separate spiral notebooks
(2) Composition notebooks
Calculator (w/fraction key)
Index cards
(3) boxes of tissue
(1) 2" 3-ring binder
Optional organizational system (folders or trapper)
Inexpensive earbuds

Band and Chorus Students: Music Department T-shirt (\$10.00), black slacks, black socks, black shoes.

P.E. Students: Tennis shoes, t-shirts, and shorts.

Spanish Students: Spiral notebook, 2 pocket folder, blue or black pens, Index cards.

From the Nurse...

Welcome back, I hope you had a great summer! We want to keep your student(s) happy, healthy, and safe while at school, so please read the following information carefully.

~ Sick Child Policy ~

Please remember if your student is running a fever of >100.0 or has vomiting/diarrhea, please keep them home from school until fever or vomiting free for 24 hours, without the aid of medication (Motrin, Tylenol, Advil, acetaminophen, ibuprofen).

~ Physical and Immunization Requirements ~

Nebraska law requires that all school children have a **physical examination** upon entry into school, at seventh grade, and when transferring from an out-of-state school. Students must provide proof of a **visual evaluation** to include testing for amblyopia, strabismus, internal and external eye health and visual acuity upon entry into school and when transferring from an out-of-state school. The law also requires your child be immunized and provide **proof of immunization** before attending classes. Please visit the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (link below) which outlines specific vaccine requirements.

Link to DHHS vaccine summary for 2017-2018:

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Immunization/Documents/2017-2018%20School%20RR%20English.pdf>

~ Medication for the 2017-2018 School Year ~

If your student requires any medication (over-the-counter and/or prescription) while at school, each medication must have a Medication Authorization form (link below) signed by the parent and a physician, before we can administer. All medications must be unexpired and provided in the original packaging and/or pharmacy container. For prescription medication, please only provide a **maximum of 30 day supply** at a time.

All medication must be dropped off in the office by a parent or guardian.

Please do not send any medications with your student.

Link to print blank medication authorization form:

<http://www.elkhornweb.org/parents/student-medication-form/>

~ Students with Asthma, Severe Allergies, Diabetes, and/or Seizures ~

If your child has asthma, severe allergies, diabetes, and/or seizures, please submit an emergency action plan signed by your physician. Plans must be updated annually. Blank forms can be obtained at the school office, or your physician's office can use whichever form they prefer.



ELKHORN GRANDVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, August 14, 2017

Come meet your child's teachers, hear about their classes, and tour EGMS!!

Grade level teachers will be doing a large group presentation in the commons at the following times.

6th Grade 5:30-5:55

**Please plan to tour the building and meet the 6th grade teachers individually from 6:00-6:30 pm*

7th Grade 6:00-6:25

**Please plan to tour the building and meet the 7th grade teachers individually from 5:30-6:00 pm*

8th Grade 6:30-7:00

**Please plan to tour the building and meet the 8th grade teachers individually from 6:00-6:30 pm*

8th Grade 7:00-7:30

Parent Presentation: One Computing Device for Every Student





Football & Volleyball Information

7th & 8th Grade Only



Informational Meetings... **Friday, August 18 from 3:20-3:55pm**...for all 7th & 8th graders interested in playing football or volleyball.

- 7th VB – Auxiliary Gym
- 8th VB – Main Gym
- 7th FB – Wrestling Room
- 8th FB – Room #610

First Day of Practice...**Monday, August 21 from 3:20pm-5:00pm.**

Notes:

- ✓ All athletes need to have a current physical on file before they can begin practicing. Athletes should plan to turn in their physicals at Back-to-School 101 on August 10 from 10am-7pm.
- ✓ Parents can access game schedules by visiting the [Activities Calendar](#) located on our website.
- ✓ The head coaches will set up parent meeting within the first two weeks of practice. This meeting will be announced to your players and will be held following practice at approximately 5:15pm
- ✓ EPS charges admission at middle school athletic events. Admission will be adults=\$3 and students=\$2.



Sign-up to receive text message reminders and information from your head coach. This is one-way communication from the coach and is not intended to be used to chat with coaches. If you would like to speak to a coach, you may contact at school during working hours. To receive text reminders:

Group Name	Specific Code	
7 th Football	@egms7fb	Text your specific code to the phone #: 81010
8 th Football	@egms8fb	
7 th Volleyball	@egms7vb	
8 th Volleyball	@egms8vb	