



Dear Elkhorn Student Families,

Hello and welcome to another exciting school year! We are very pleased to begin our partnership with Elkhorn Public Schools as the Food Service Provider beginning this school year.

Regardless of grade level, your student(s) will have the opportunity for numerous meal choices daily for both breakfast and lunch. All meals meet the current USDA guidelines, and all grade levels have unlimited access to the fruit and vegetable bars with each purchased meal.

Some exciting changes for the school year include some of the following:

- Four choices at the elementary level for lunch, including two hot options and two cold options. One cold option will be our Fun on the Run, which is an express lunch option for those students wishing to sit down quickly by-passing the traditional serving line.
- Multiple choices daily at the Middle Schools featuring over 10 entrée choices daily, including the “GLOBAL” bar which will include made to order creations so each student can customize their entrée option. Entrée’s will rotate weekly and include items such as Pasta Bars, Burrito Bars and Chinese Bars.
- Over 18 entrée choices at the High Schools daily also including our “ACTION” stations daily, where entrees are made to order with ingredients the students choose.
- Introduction of C-Stores/Coffee Shops at each of the High Schools. These will be introduced by September 8<sup>th</sup>. Hours will be scheduled so students can visit before school, during lunch and after school, providing opportunity to grab a much needed snack, especially before after school activities.
- To start off the day right, breakfast will be offered at all grade levels beginning this school year.
- Student Culinary Competitions will be introduced over the next year promoting student activity, creativity, and education on culinary processes.
- Elementary students will experience the A to Z salad bar, introducing them to fruits and vegetables they may not have tried before.
- All levels will see a bright, colorful service area with new colors, new signage, nutritional information, and an inviting environment for students to experience.
- Lift Off, our mascot for Good Nutrition will visit the elementary schools throughout the year over breakfast and lunch promoting healthy eating habits.
- Student focus groups will be held each semester to gather input from the students on the Food Service Program.

Your students will experience new and innovative ideas being introduced throughout the school year, continued into future school years as we continually seek new, trendy and nutritious options for the students.

As a reminder, the school payment portal for lunch accounts can be accessed through [www.elkhornweb.org](http://www.elkhornweb.org) and selection “lunch” under “district information” tab or directly at [www.schoolpaymentportal.com](http://www.schoolpaymentportal.com). Here you can deposit money into your student’s accounts via credit card or e-check.

Again, we look forward to a great school year and welcome your input and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Shannon Sintek, General Manager,  
And the Sodexo Food Service Department Team