

12 REASONS TO CHOOSE ELKHART INDIANA



ELKHART
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

1 SCHOOLS

Elkhart is home to incredible schools. With a graduation rate of 91.7% (above the state average and many surrounding districts), Elkhart Community Schools' students are finding success as a result of rigorous curriculum and dedicated staff. ECS is the only district in the area to achieve full Early College Program endorsement for not just one high school, but both high schools and career center, as well as a fully endorsed Air Force Junior ROTC Program. ECS is leading the way in the educational field with the robust development of career pathways for all students: Arts & Communication; Business & International Relations; Engineering, Technology & Industry; Health & Public Safety; Human Services; Natural Resources. Early Childhood programs, and partnerships with over 400 local businesses ensures ECS students start strong and finish with a focus on their future. Elkhart Community Schools works with higher education, including University of Notre Dame, Indiana University South Bend, University of Indianapolis, Ivy Tech Community College, and Vincennes University on a variety of initiatives and dual enrollment programs. For additional information about Elkhart Community Schools: <http://elkhart.k12.in.us>

2 CITY OF DREAMERS AND DOERS

Elkhart's entrepreneurial spirit has been alive and continuously moving for over 200 years. Our city was the birthplace of Alka-Seltzer and Flinstone's Vitamins, and has long held the title of the "Band Instrument Capital of the World" and "RV Capital of the World" - products brought to Elkhart by entrepreneurs. Elkhart is home to successful small start-ups like Carved (wooden phone cases) and Elkhart Indian Motorcycle. Elkhart is a city where dreams become success through hard work and dedication.

3 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

In recent years, Elkhart has experienced great growth and renewal of the downtown area. The downtown area is full of life through a new bookstore, game and comic book store, VR game lounge, coffee shop, deli, cafe, restaurants, cupcake bakery, resale shop, makeup artist, art galleries and more. Downtown development continues with the upcoming addition of a new restaurant, brewery, hotel, and over 1,000 living spaces.





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4 LOCAL RESTAURANTS & BREWERIES

Elkhart is home to incredible local dining options. Some of the local Elkhart favorites include: Antonios (try their thick-crust, meat-heavy Italian Stallion pizza), Bill's BBQ (St. Louis style BBQ with a specialty for smoked meats), Cappy's (where the owners will greet you and fill you in on their building's unique history if you ask), Bacon Hill Kitchen (creative southern style, be sure to try the Texas-style baked beans), lechyd Da's (Elkhart's first brewery, voted the Best Bar in Indiana by Yelp users), Five Star Dive Bar (local bands and late night fun), Hotdoggeddy's (real beef, Chicago-style dogs), Chubby Trout (half-price sushi on Mondays), and Flippin' Cow (their Stella Moo burger was voted best in the region). For special nights out, more upscale dining can be found at great places like 523, The Vine, and Artisan. For a quick coffee, breakfast, or lunch bite, try The Electric Brew or Old Style Deli. Dining options are further expanded by the proximity to South Bend, Mishawaka, and Goshen.

5 AQUATICS CENTER

Currently under construction and set to open in late 2019, the new Elkhart Aquatics and Fitness Center will provide the Elkhart community with an unmatched aquatics center, including an Olympic sized swimming pool and warm water therapy pool. The fitness center will include a full exercise room walking track, and two full-size gyms. Upon completion, all Elkhart students will complete water safety as part of their physical education curriculum. Elkhart's high school athletics programs will have priority use of the facility. Learn more at <https://elkhartcenter.com/>

6 RIVER DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT

Anchored by the Aquatics Center, the river district will undergo major redevelopment, including new apartments and condominiums, construction of a new grocery store, and walking paths connecting the area to downtown and parks. Learn more at <https://www.elkhartriverdistrict.com/>

7 RIVERS

Two rivers weave through Elkhart - the Elkhart River and the St. Joe River, meeting at Island Park in the heart of downtown. The rivers provide a great opportunity to explore the area through water. Kayaking, canoeing, fishing, and walking along the paths of the river are a favorite pastime of many Elkhart residents.

8 PROXIMITY

The geographical position of Elkhart provides residents with easy access to Chicago, Detroit, Grand Rapids, and more. Elkhart is 30 minutes from the University of Notre Dame and 45 minutes from the South Bend International Airport, which offers direct flights to Atlanta, Minneapolis, Florida, Arizona, Charlotte, and Dallas. Sandy Lake Michigan beaches, the South Bend Cubs, and Amish shopping at Shippshewana are within an hour drive.

9 PARKS & GARDENS

Over 30 parks and facilities, including a skateboard park, ice skating park, water parks, splash pads, tennis courts, swimming pools, walking/running laps, playground equipment, and active summer softball leagues are found in Elkhart. Outdoor enthusiasts also enjoy miles of bike trails through woods, along rivers, and through cities. Many Elkhart parks offer classes, including dancing and fitness. Each summer, McNaughton Park hosts free, weekly outdoor concerts by the Elkhart Municipal Band.

10 EVENTS

Elkhart is home to great events, including the Elkhart Jazz Festival, ArtWalk, Taste of the Gardens, Rhapsody in Green, the Elkhart Air Show, EnviroFest, Elkhart Comic Con, Elkhart Riverwalk Grand Prix, Bottlecaps & Corks, and more. The Lerner Theatre hosts comedians, musical acts, and Cirque events.

11 THE ARTS

Art is alive in every corner of Elkhart. Painted elk, custom designed hearts, and Seward Johnson sculptures are found along streets and parks throughout Elkhart. Downtown Elkhart features the Midwest Museum of American Art, as well as Arts on Main, the Elkhart Art League, and is home to Premier Arts, Elkhart's local performing arts league. Every weekend provide an opportunity to hear music or see a performance at the Lerner Theatre. Throughout summer, free live music is found in downtown's Central Plaza, as well as McNaughton Park.

12 SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

At the heart of Elkhart is a community that takes care of one another. Volunteering and giving back to the community is demonstrated by local businesses, schools, and churches. When a person is in need in Elkhart, there is always someone quick to help.