

# Elkhart High School

## Quarterly Update: Fall 2018



**ELKHART**  
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

**Effective Fall 2018, Elkhart Community Schools' leadership is committed to providing quarterly updates on the status of Elkhart High School (the merging of Elkhart Central and Elkhart Memorial).**

### Timing

- Fall 2020
  - Elkhart High School will operate as one high school with the Indiana Department of Education, the Indiana High School Athletic Association, and the Indiana State School Music Association.
  - Students in grades 9-12 will remain at their current high school locations (two campuses).
  - The 2020-2021 school year will serve as a transitional year for the high school. Schedules and classes at the two campuses will be as similar as possible.
  - Students will have an opportunity to engage in pathway-based learning. Depending on the completion of construction, students may have the opportunity to be physically centralized within a pathway.
- Fall 2021
  - All construction will be completed and the transition to Elkhart High School with one Grade 10-12 campus will be completed.
  - Students in Grade 9 will attend the Freshman Division on the current Elkhart Central campus.

### Curriculum

- Design of the six pathways is currently being developed. Transition principals, counselors, and lead teachers have been selected and will meet regularly to develop the design of curriculum for the pathways.
- In November 2017, the Indiana Department of Education changed the graduation requirements beginning for the graduating class of 2023. The state will require that students meet all of the following three criteria:
  1. Earn a high school diploma.
  2. Learn and demonstrate employability skills (including a project-based learning experience, a service-based learning experience, or a work-based learning experience).
  3. Demonstrate post-secondary ready competencies (including earning an honors diploma; ACT/SAT/ASVAB benchmarks; state/industry-recognized credential, certification or apprenticeship; career-technical education benchmarks; AP/IB/Dual Credit/Cambridge International courses or CLEP exam benchmarks; or a locally-created pathway that is approved by the State Board of Education).
- The creation of pathways at Elkhart High School will be transformative and provide our students with unparalleled options to both meet the Indiana graduation requirements and graduate career/college ready.

### Construction

- Food Service commissary construction will be completed in Fall 2018. The addition to the Food Service commissary located on the current Elkhart Memorial campus can better support the future needs of Elkhart High School, as well as improve the current offerings at elementary schools.
- Minor design improvements at the current Elkhart Memorial were completed in Summer 2018. These included carpet, lighting fixtures, and reconfiguration of collaboration space, and will serve the Arts & Communication pathway area of Elkhart High School.
- Construction will continue at Elkhart Memorial throughout the 2018-2019 school year on the Business and International Relations pathway and Human Services pathway areas of Elkhart High School. Every attempt will be made to minimize disruptions to student learning.

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