

# Elkhart High School

## Quarterly Update: Winter 2018



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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).**

### Curriculum

- Elkhart Central High School and Elkhart Memorial High School have always engaged in an ongoing process of curriculum review and updating. As the high schools prepare to merge, teachers and administrators are working closely with each other to build consensus around the core curriculum for each course.
  - All high school courses have a "Scope and Sequence Guide." This document uses the Indiana Department of Education standards as its basis but it also indicates which standards are most critical, what type of content literacy will be taught, and provides information about the order in which topics will be taught during each nine-week quarter of a course. The Scope and Sequence document answers questions such as: "What standards are required to be taught according to IDOE guidelines? What will we guarantee that every student will know and be able to do by the end of the course? What reading, writing, and speaking tasks will each student complete during this course?"
  - Each high school course also has "Understanding by Design" (UbD) unit plans. These unit plans further develop a specific and consistent curriculum based on short units of study, generally 2-4 weeks in length. The unit plans provide teachers and administrators details about what information and skills should be emphasized, indicate how student learning will be assessed, and provide suggestions for daily lesson plans.
- By December 2018, the Scope and Sequence Guide for the core courses in each major content area will be completed. Teams of teachers and administrators will continue to work on sample UbD unit plans throughout the year. By May 2019, all Scope and Sequence Guides and UbD unit plans will be completed for the core high school courses. The unit plans will be implemented as they are developed during second semester of the 2018-2019 school year, and the consistent curriculum for all core courses will be available for use in both high schools by August 2019.
- The curriculum work will continue during the 2019-2020 school year, so that all high school courses will have a consistent guaranteed curriculum in place prior to the fall of 2020.
- Community Partners: Representatives from ECS are currently meeting with local businesses and non-profit organizations to help build relationships with community partners. By January 2019, every school of study design team will include representatives from businesses and/or non-profit organizations, who will help develop curriculum that is relevant and applicable to real world career needs.

### Construction

- Food Service commissary construction is complete.
- Construction of the Business and International Relations School of Study is nearing completion. This includes carpet, lighting fixtures, and reconfiguration of collaboration space.
- Construction for the Human Services School of Study has been postponed to Summer 2019.
- Construction bids were received for the main project at the current Elkhart Memorial, which includes an addition and renovation of existing space to create a new music department, construction of a new kitchen, renovation of cafeteria serving lines, and renovation of the main office. The Board approved a contract for this work and work is scheduled to begin mid-December 2018. Construction is scheduled to be completed in July 2020.
- For the annex (current EACC building on County Road 10), a design build team was selected to construct a new building to house the diesel tech program, which will be part of the Engineering, Technology, and Innovation School of Study. Construction is scheduled to be completed in July 2019.