



ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Creating an environment where all students will learn.

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EHS Students Earn State and National Recognition

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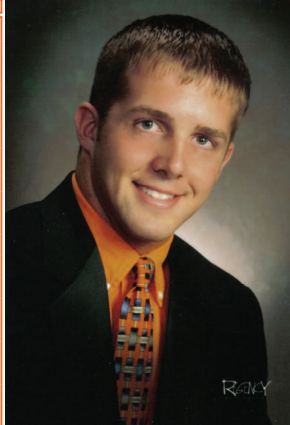
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Mission Statement

The Elgin Public Schools exists to serve and nurture the experiences of the students in a manner which will allow them to function competently in all facets of society. The School's responsibility is to ensure that students gain the skills and knowledge to function as creative, discerning, and productive members of a global society.

*Educating Elgin
Students Since 1874*



Wes Prater

Wes Prater was selected as the Elgin High School representative for the annual Cornhusker Boys State Conference held in Lincoln, Nebraska during the spring of 2006

While attending this event, Wes was elected to the office of Cornhusker Boys State Governor. His election was the culmination of a week of activities that center on political parties and activities designed to educate students on political issues in Nebraska. While attending the conference, students can choose which political office they would like to "run" for. Students must then choose a platform, based on their beliefs, and work to earn support much like candidates do for local, state and national offices in our country.

Wes campaigned on a "rural values" platform. His focus was to eradicate methamphetamine use and the need to make it easier for young people to become independent farmers and ranchers. He also took a stance against school consolidation. Wes competed against 15 other participants running for Governor at this year's conference.

This honor is very rare for students from Nebraska's smaller schools. Wes Prater is the only student listed on the traveling trophy from a class "D" school.

In addition to being elected Governor, Wes also participated in "Boys Nation", which was held in Washington D.C. in July of 2006. While there he met President George W. Bush and was elected Secretary of Agriculture of Boys Nation.



Ben Beckman, a senior student at Elgin Public School, earns recognition as one of 48 Nebraska high school students to earn the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) Believers and Achievers Award.

In order for students to earn this award they must meet the following criteria:

- Nominated students must be a senior in an NSAA accredited high school and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.75 (on an unweighted 4.0 scale) and participate in NSAA sponsored activities at their respective high school.
- Nominated students must excel in the areas of Scholastic Achievement, NSAA Activity Participation, School Involvement, Community Involvement and Citizenship Essay.
- Nominated students must be recognized as one who is a strong student leader.



Ben Beckman

Ben was one of 48 students who were selected out of approximately 650 students from the state of Nebraska. All schools in Nebraska may nominate students by the following requirements:

- Class A (32 largest schools in Nebraska) may nominate 4 students
- Class B (Next 64 schools in Nebraska) may nominate 3 students
- Class C (next 96 schools in Nebraska) may nominate 2 students
- Class D (All remaining schools in Nebraska approx. 140) may nominate 1 student

The Believers and Achievers Award is one of the highest honors a student/athlete can receive as a high school student.

ELGIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Elgin Elementary School serves students from kindergarten through sixth grade. Children requiring specialized services are served through a coordinated effort with Educational Service Unit #8. These services are provided from birth through age 21.

Elgin Elementary is committed to providing the young children of the district with the instruction and nurturing needed to build strong adolescents. The elementary staff is proud to play a part in the development of quality students. Students with a variety of learning levels are provided with instructional resources, enrichment, and extra learning opportunities.

We offer . . .

- * Academic Support in each grade level
- * Low class sizes—20 students or less per classroom
- * Reading program identified by the State of Nebraska as more rigorous than the State's reading standards
- * Math program identified by the State of Nebraska as more rigorous than the State's math standards
- * Accelerated Reader Program
- * Spanish Introductory classes (K-8)
- * 6 Traits Writing Program (K-12)
- * Schoolwide Title 1 Program (K-12)
- * All day every day kindergarten
- * Early childhood special education
- * Special Education—Direct & Related Services such as Speech, Physical Therapy, & Occupational Therapy
- * Health Services including vision and hearing screening
- * Computer lab with internet access. (K-12 Less than 2:1 student to computer ratio)
- * Portable laptop computers for classroom use
- * Specialist classes:
 - Music
 - Cadet Band (Grades 5 & 6)
 - Physical Education
 - Technology
 - Fine Arts



New Building Coming To Elgin Public School

When the 2007-2008 school year begins preschool, kindergarten, and first grade students will be coming to an entirely new building! The Elgin Public School Board is working with Crafts, Inc. to build the new facility. The new building will allow students in kindergarten and special education to move out of the remodeled bus barn into a facility designed specifically for children. The Elgin Early Learning Center will leave the Methodist Church, which has graciously housed the program for the past five years.

First grade will move from its current position in the elementary to a new classroom in the new building and sixth grade will move into their former room. This will allow the upper elementary students to move between rooms without leaving the elementary building. In addition, the nurse and speech pathologists will have a room dedication to their needs.

Elgin Early Learning Center

National Accreditation Earned

Last year the Elgin Early Learning Center became the only area preschool to be nationally accredited. The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) sent a reviewer to the preschool in November 2005. In early 2006 the Learning Center was notified that they had achieved national accreditation.

What does national accreditation mean to the consumer? It verifies that your child is receiving the best possible early childhood education. Research recently published found that children gained more academically in programs accredited through the NAEYC. Accredited programs have specially trained teachers and paraprofessionals that have been taught the dynamics needed in a successful program. Strict protocols are in place to ensure that all children receive the maximum benefit from attending the program.

Elgin Early Learning Center is designed to provide developmentally appropriate learning opportunities for preschool age children. These opportunities will:

- prepare the child for later responsibilities in school.
- help the child grow educationally, socially, physically, and emotionally.
- respond to the needs of families.

PROGRAM GOALS:

- * To provide a curriculum that will be based on the development of the whole child.
- * To provide age-appropriate, child centered activities by qualified professional staff.
- * To provide strong health and safety standards.
- * To partnership with parents and community regularly to build mutual understanding and greater consistency for the child.
- * To provide readiness activities for the child to ensure their readiness when school starts.
- * To provide social and emotional support to facilitate the development of the child's well being by using positive guidance techniques and encouraging expected behavior.



For more information, please contact the Superintendent at Elgin Public School (phone 843-2455)

ELGIN JR. - SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Elgin Jr.-Sr. High School serves students from the seventh through twelfth grade. The high school has an eight-period day beginning at 8:15 AM and lasting until 3:43 PM. The high school currently has 16 full-time instructors, a guidance counselor, two administrators, and 11 support staff. Through the Educational Service Unit # 8 in Neligh, Elgin Public Schools has access to a school nurse, school psychologist, speech pathologist, as well as a variety of staff training and development opportunities.

Elgin Public Schools believes that in order for students to gain the skills and knowledge needed to function as creative, discerning, and productive members of society, the following skills are necessary:

- The ability to think critically
- The ability to access information
- The ability to communicate and work cooperatively with others
- Respect for one's self and others
- The development of individual aptitudes and interests
- The development of responsibility for one's self, community, and others



Core Curriculum:

- English focused on reading, writing and oral communication, and performance skills
- Math with both basic and advanced levels
- Social Studies
- Science
- Physical Education/Health
- Computer Technology

Elective Options:

- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Music (Instrumental and Vocal)
- Agricultural Education
- World Languages (Spanish I, II, & III)
- Art
- Business Education
- P.E./ Weight Training

Courses that are available via the distance-learning center:

Courses that are available this past year via distance learning are Lifetime Wellness from Spencer-Naper Schools. Elgin Public Schools offers Introduction to Agriculture, Introduction to Psychology, and Elementary Spanish that are sent out via distance learning. Each year, Elgin Schools can receive numerous classes via distance learning depending on offerings from other schools and student requests. The offerings change from year to year.



Elgin Ag Academy Prepares Students

The Elgin High School Agriculture Academy is helping to educate many students who are interested in post-secondary careers in the field of agriculture. The course offerings that are currently available at Elgin High School have proven to prepare students for college programs or agriculture careers after graduation.

If you are interested in what Elgin High Schools has to offer in the area of agriculture education through its Agriculture Academy program, please contact Phil Simpson, Ag. Instructor at Elgin High School, Barb Bode, School Guidance Counselor or Corey Fisher, High School Principal.



EHS Looking at Curriculum Changes

Elgin High School is in the planning stages of renovating its math program beginning with the 2007-2008 school year. A new math position has been created to expand class offerings in the areas of math, industrial technology and business. Elgin High School will have, as its goal, the ability to offer more of a variety of classes in the areas of math, science, business and industrial technology. Possible new course offerings will be Algebra A/B (offered already as of 2006-2007 school year), Introduction to Business, Advanced Computer, Introduction to Robotics, Business Law as a year-long class along with other possibilities. It is the goal of Elgin High School to continue to provide a great opportunity for students to study through advanced classes while addressing the needs of all levels of learners.

UNL ADVANCED SCHOLARS PROGRAM OFFERED

Starting in the fall of 2006, Elgin Public Schools implemented new academic opportunities for its senior students. UNL Advanced Scholars is a part of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln Extended Education and Outreach Program. Created as a partnership linking UNL with Nebraska secondary schools, the Advanced Scholars program enables high schools to offer qualified high school seniors and high-ability or gifted students the opportunity to earn college credit from UNL.

Throughout the development of the Advanced Scholars Program, the University remains committed to making this opportunity an affordable option for Nebraska high school students and their families. Tuition is \$100 per credit hour for all Advanced Scholars courses, and all associated UNL distance, registration, technology and library fees have been waived.

A hallmark of the program is that the online courses are taught by the University's renowned faculty. The course syllabi, textbooks, kind of assignments, and grading practices are the same as those used by the faculty for their on-campus courses. Students who register and successfully complete UNL Advanced Scholars on-line courses earn UNL credit, verified by an official UNL transcript.

There is a wide range of course offerings that are offered and I encourage all parents and senior students to stop in and ask for more information as this is a great opportunity for students who are committed to academic excellence here at Elgin High School. Please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sports & Activities . . .



Elgin Public School also provides a variety of extra-curricular and co-curricular sports and activities to enhance student development.

Activities include:

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| Football | Chorus* | Speech* |
| Volleyball | Swing Choir* | One-Act Play* |
| Basketball | Concert Band* | Dance Team* |
| Wrestling* | Marching Band* | FFA* |
| Track* | Pep Band | FCCLA* |
| Golf | Yearbook* | Student Council |
| Art* | Quiz Bowl* | National Honor Society |

* denotes awards or state qualifiers in past 2 years



WE'RE ON THE WEB . . .

Elgin Public School has launched a new website! The address is: www.elgineagles.org
 Our new website has the most up-to-date calendars, lunch menus, and announcements posted daily. Sign up for news updates sent to your e-mail! Browse through slide shows of our sporting events and school activities. Weather-related announcements are posted as needed. If you want to know more about Elgin Public School, visit our website www.elgineagles.org



Elgin Early Learning Center Enrollment

Elgin Public Schools is attempting to gather tentative enrollment figures for the Elgin Early Learning Center. If you are interested in enrolling your 3 or 4 year old for preschool next fall (2007-2008), please contact Mrs. Sue Vanis at the school (843-2455) during regular school hours.



Option Enrollment

If you live outside the Elgin Public School District and would like to enroll in Elgin Public for the fall semester 2007-2008, you must file the option enrollment application before March 15, 2007. If you file after that date your resident school district determines whether they will allow you to opt out of their district. Please contact the school office (843-2455) and request an application to be mailed to you. You may also pick up an application during regular school hours.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

English	40 credits
Mathematics	30 credits
Social Studies	30 credits
Science	30 credits
Physical Education/Health	10 credits
Keyboarding/Computer	10 credits
Personal Communications	5 credits
Electives	<u>95 credits</u>
Total Credits	250 credits

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