



# ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Creating an environment where all students will learn.

<http://www.elgineagles.org> 101 N. 4th St.  
P.O. Box 399  
Elgin, NE 68636-0399

Phone: (402) 843-2455  
FAX: (402) 843-2475

## Administration

**Dr. Gayla Fredrickson**  
Supt. & Elementary Principal  
(Grades K-6)  
101 N. 4th  
P.O. Box 399  
Elgin, NE 68636  
(402) 843-2455  
FAX (402) 843-2475  
E-mail: [gfredric@esu8.org](mailto:gfredric@esu8.org)

**Mr. Corey Fisher**  
High School Principal  
(Grades 7-12)  
101 N. 4th  
P.O. Box 399  
Elgin, NE 68636  
(402) 843-2457  
FAX (402) 843-2475  
E-mail: [cfisher@esu8.org](mailto:cfisher@esu8.org)

## Board of Education 2008

Steve Heithoff, President  
Mary Bauer, Vice President  
Scott Beckman, Secretary  
Stan Heithoff, Treasurer  
Laurie Waterbury  
Bruce Anderson

## 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*

## CURRICULUM OPPORTUNITIES EXPANDED



*Kyle Faust and Chad Clouse design a project for the plasma cutter.*

Elgin Public Schools is always striving to improve an already outstanding curriculum to its students. This past year, a new teaching position was added to the staff with the goal of offering more in the areas of math, science, technology, robotics and engineering courses. Mission accomplished!

New course additions this past year have been Exploring With Technology for students in grades 7-8,

Designing With Technology for students in grades 9-10, Introduction to Engineering and Computer Aided Drafting for students in grades 11-12. Along with these new courses, Elgin High School will offer Physics and Chemistry on a yearly basis.

These additions and changes only strengthen the school's commitment for educating students to "function as creative, discerning and productive members of society". More than ever before, Elgin High students in grades 7-12 now have a unique opportunity to excel and grow in the world of technology.

## NEW BUILDING COMPLETED

Finally the big day had arrived! We were moving into the new building. After several years of discussion and planning the Elgin Early Learning Center was now on campus. In addition to housing the preschool the building provides room for kindergarten, first grade, speech therapy and nursing services and special education.

Many unique features are included in the building. The preschool toilet facilities feature stools at the 13" height while the kindergarten boast 15" stools. Both of these rooms were designed to meet the needs of the students rather than expecting the students to adjust to adult facilities. In addition, each of the restrooms has automatic lighting that turns on when someone enters the room and shuts off a few minutes after all people exit.

The teachers and students have been enjoying the new facility. The hallways are lined with brightly colored art posters and the rooms are arranged to promote learning. It has brought a much needed upgrade to the campus and has allowed us to turn the "tin shed" back into a storage facility.



# 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



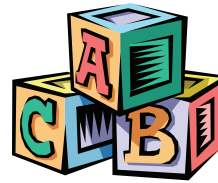
## WE'RE ON THE WEB . . .

Elgin Public School has launched a new state-of-the-art website! The address is: [www.elgineagles.org](http://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](http://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 (2008-2009), please contact

Mrs. Sue Vanis at the school (843-2455) during regular school hours.

## Elgin Early Learning Center

Elgin Early Learning Center is the only area preschool to be nationally accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Accredited programs have specially trained teachers and paraprofessionals to ensure your child will gain more academically in their early years.

Elgin Early Learning Center is designed to provide developmentally appropriate learning opportunities for pre-school 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 17 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 beginning 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
- Engineering
- CAD

# LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ATTENDEE



*Senator Ben Nelson visits with Linsey Bode during NYLC.*

Students at Elgin Public School continually excel beyond the classroom and beyond the field of play. This past fall, Miss Linsey Bode had the opportunity to attend the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. She was the only student selected from the state of Nebraska to attend this prestigious conference. A total of 350 high school students from across the nation joined Miss Bode for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

During the conference, Miss Bode spent time visiting historical sites in Washington, working on political issues and simulating government procedures, spending time with members of the press, and meeting with our state's senators and representatives including Ben Nelson, Chuck Hagel and Adrian Smith. These are only a few of the activities that Miss Bode participated in as a part of the week-long conference.



## 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.

## Distance Learning Opportunities

Elgin Public Schools works with the Northern Tier Schools to offer a wide variety of courses via Distance Learning. Some of those classes this past year have included Lifetime Wellness and Anatomy and Physiology. Students are given the opportunity to view and schedule offerings from other schools within the Northern Tier and other surrounding area schools. Each year the list of offerings from other schools is presented to students during pre-registration in April. Elgin Public Schools also offers classes to other schools via Distance Learning.

## **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

# Sports & Activities . . .

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

**Activities include:**

Football  
Volleyball  
Basketball  
Wrestling  
Track

Golf  
Art  
Concert Band  
Marching Band  
Pep Band  
Student Council

Chorus  
Swing Choir  
Yearbook  
Quiz Bowl  
AcaDeca  
National Honor Society

Speech  
One-Act Play  
Dance Team  
FFA  
FCCLA



**EXCELLENCE IN THE CLASSROOM AND ON THE FIELD OF PLAY...**

At Elgin Public School, students are encouraged to engage themselves in the numerous activities that the school offers. The philosophy at Elgin Public School is to teach and promote life lessons through athletic and scholastic competition. This past fall, the Elgin High football team earned the right to play for the class D2 state championship. The Eagles finished the season with a 12-1 record. They were district champions and the Class D2 State Runner-Up! Check out the final recap on the school webpage [www.elgineagles.com](http://www.elgineagles.com) in the Activity Directors section.

## Option Enrollment

If you live outside the Elgin Public School District and would like to enroll in Elgin Public for the fall semester 2008-2009, you must file the option enrollment application before March 15, 2008. 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.

**ELGIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
NEWSLETTER**  
P.O. Box 399  
Elgin, NE 68636

**Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Permit #4  
Elgin, NE 68636**

POSTAL PATRON