

# ELKHART LAKE- GLENBEULAH DISTRICT INFORMATION

*The mission of the ELG School District is to challenge, inspire, and empower,  
in a caring and innovative learning environment.*

*When the State released their first “Report Cards” in 2012-13 for both the entire District and individual schools, ELG School District was one of only two Districts in Sheboygan County to receive a ranking of “Exceeds Expectations” at all levels. Since 2013-14, we have continued to annually earn the same ratings. We also continue to do well with our individual school’s report cards. For 2017-18, our Elementary/Middle School achieved the ranking of “Significantly Exceeds Expectations” and the High School earned the rating of “Meets Expectations.” We are extremely proud of this accomplishment!*

*(Note: Per legislative action, no report cards were issued for the 2014-15 school year)*

Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah School District continues to offer an array of comprehensive opportunities designed to encourage the development of the entire student. Our class sizes, with low teacher-student ratios, provide a caring and stimulating learning environment appropriate for each student. ELG offers all the benefits of a smaller school district, while maintaining a larger district’s ability to operate in an innovative and progressive manner.

What drives our system and shapes our vision is the goal of meeting the current and future needs of both students and parents. An almost endless list of opportunities is available for every student. Student involvement has always been a key focus of the school. The no-cut philosophy throughout our district ensures student access to extra-curricular options that aid in their overall growth. Every child can find his/her niche at ELG and truly feel a part of the community.

In addition, ELG has been progressive in continually updating and expanding the technology available in our classrooms, media centers, labs, and for our students’ personal use. See examples included in the bullet points below.

***What makes Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah School District an excellent choice for our students, families, and community:***

**--Programs, policies, and practices in place for all students to be successful—now and in their future**

- **Small class sizes offering individualized instruction opportunities--  
4K-grade 4: average 16 students to 1 teacher; grades 5-8: 19:1**
- Well-established 4K program—in existence 35+ years. 4-day a week program with parent outreach component (program also is in session the first Friday of each month). On-site child care offers a perfect program compliment for working parents. A Preschool program is also available for 3-year-olds, 5 days a week.
- **OVER 60 college credits available to h.s. students available on-site; 45 credits taught by ELG faculty; others available via on-line and/or our Distance Learning Lab facility.**
- **Computer tablets (Chromebooks) are available for every study in grades 2-12 and are available for student/staff use in all Junior Kindergarten through grade 1 classrooms. Nooks available district-wide.**
- Distance learning and on-line learning opportunities available
- Individualized program for Gifted and Talented students with clubs being added continually to address student interests (examples: art, drama, chess, food science and technology clubs, Destination Imagination, etc.)
- **Newly constructed Maker-space/technology/robotics areas in the elementary and middle school where students are engaged in “hands on” STEAM learning – science technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.** Technology instruction K-grade 12; keyboarding at grades 3-5. Updated H.S. Technology Education equipment and curriculum allowing ELGS to partner with area businesses. **Completed summer 2018 -- newly renovated technical education, drafting, robotics and agri-science learning complex.**
- **Additional projects scheduled to happen this summer: complete renovation of the Auditorium/Performing Arts area and the Family Consumer Science classroom and culinary arts labs/kitchens. Also athletic field upgrades--ADA bleachers, new lighting and new concession stand/storage garage.**
- Students, parents and staff collaboratively engaged in ACP (Academic and Career Planning) Program – grades 4-12 with the focus on planning for both life in and beyond the walls of ELGS.

- Spanish instruction beginning in 4K and offered through grade 12; French currently being introduced at grades 5-6; 5 foreign languages currently offered at the h.s.
- **Global Education activities and instruction integrated throughout the JK-grade 12 curriculum. Graduating students have the opportunity to earn Global Education Achievement Certificate by successfully completing a global education curriculum and engaging in co-curricular activities and experiences that foster the development of global competencies.**
- Response to Intervention Model in place at elementary/middle/high school levels to help ensure student success in learning; in addition to complete services offered for students with special needs--early childhood through gr. 12
- Expanded culinary arts, customer service and technology education programs—students are able to earn various technical college certifications while in h.s.
- **Very active involvement in the Youth Apprentices Program—currently 12% of our Jr. and Sr. students are involved in this real-life work experience program**
- Enrichment-based summer school program built on academic base in which approximately 50% of all students 4K-grade 8 participate
- After school “Snack and Study” program for middle school students/After school writing support/study program for high school students
- Physical education program with a fitness/life-time sports emphasis
- Nutritious hot lunch provided to students by Watson’s Catering.

**--Student-driven system—academics and extra-curriculars tailored to meet our students’ needs**

**--Very favorable state rankings -- In 2017-18:**

- **On the FORWARD State Assessment, districtwide ELG students in grades 3-10 scored above the state average. In the areas of Advanced/Proficient, ELG exceeded the state average in all areas by significant margins—exceeded state average by 20.4% in ELA; 21.2% in math; 21.7% in science; and 22.1% in social studies.**
- Overall, ELG FORWARD State Assessment scores above neighboring school districts in most areas.
- Consistently long-term favorable student results on the ACT and academic testing for college admittance--at or above state average.

**--Offer small school advantage while offering large school curriculum**

- Every child is known; no one gets “lost in the crowd.” As a result, educational experiences are personalized to fit individual student’s needs and/or interests.
- Caring and compassionate staff—“No Child Left Behind” has always been our focus

**--Highly-educated and experienced staff involved in on-going professional development**

**--A wide variety of extra-curricular offerings available to students at all levels that are continuously expanding**

- Now offering or coming soon – expanded enrichment club offerings at the elementary and middle school levels: Drama, Food Science, Art, Chess and Lego/Engineering/Robotics Clubs; Destination Imagination.
- No-cut policy for athletics—Not only is a student “good enough” to participate at ELG; we help to make them better. Over two-thirds of both m.s. and h.s students participate in athletics
- Extra-curricular transportation provided at no cost for h.s. students
- Extra-curricular clubs and organizations successfully compete in state/national competitions
- Our students get involved – most in one or more activities

**--Community Service Learning a key component of the ELG educational philosophy and experience**

- Community service strongly stressed at all levels; 20 hours required during students’ h.s. experience
- **New in 2018-19 – H.S. Day of Service – all high school students and staff involved in “giving back to the community” through a variety of service activities—the start of an annual tradition!**
- Numerous service projects completed annually by students for all grade levels—elementary through high school; many in the immediate area

**--On-site child care provided in elem./m.s. building**

- Service provided 12 months a year/ from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. M-F for ages 3-11
- Also available—five-day a week program specifically designed for 3 year-olds

**--Extremely strong parent/community support of the School**

- Active PTA organization, Education Foundation, ELG Athletic Association and volunteer base
- Ongoing community, business, and organization support and funding for arts, technology, and sports facilities
- Recipient of TOSA Foundation Technology Initiative Grants beginning in 2011-12 through the present
- Technology supported by donations from the Kohl Family Foundation in 2012-13 through the present
- Five-year referendum passed with strong support in November 2018 for operations and maintenance/renovation projects. The community has consistently supported the school referendums over the past 25+ years!

### **--Well-maintained and progressive learning facilities**

- 4 computer labs available for district students including updated drafting lab—which is part of the newly renovated technical education/agri-science complex
- State-of-the-art Promethean interactive whiteboards and 3-D document cameras installed in all classrooms in regular use.
- Students have the opportunity to participate in “virtual interactive electronic” field trips via distance learning labs and poly-com video systems
- New in 2013-14 – Installation of a Rock-Traversing Wall in the M.S. gym!
- Well-maintained facilities; installation of a commercial grade culinary arts kitchen; upgraded equipment for technical education programs: and **new in 2014-15 – Construction of a new greenhouse/classroom laboratory/aqua-ponics facility for integrated studies with agri-science, horticulture, biology, and culinary arts program and in 2016-17--Elementary/Middle School Playground Renovation to construct an All-Inclusive Handicapped Accessible Playground. These projects primarily funded through donations by community businesses, individuals, and area Foundations. Also many projects happening in 2019 as listed earlier.**
- Expansive and extensive library/media centers throughout district with on-line circulation system. In 2014-15, h.s. library/iCenter completely renovated!

### **--Reasonable fees for registration and extra-curricular participation**

- Every family can afford to be a part of our numerous school activities
- Fees and rates are among the lowest in the area

### **--Financially solvent district**

- On November 6, 2018, district residents overwhelming approved a 5 year referendum for operational expenses and maintenance expenses. Also included was the approval to borrow for the renovation projects involving the auditorium, Family Consumer Science classroom and culinary arts labs/kitchens, and the upgrades for the athletic field. This loan is scheduled to be paid in full in five years. After that time, ELG will again be a debt-free district.

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