

Elkhart Central... a choice for families

- Over **125** students recognized by the **National Merit Scholarship Corporation** since 1985, seven in 2010
- **18 Advanced Placement (AP)** Courses in Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Art, Music, Social Studies, & English
- Over 200 Course offerings
- Elkhart Area Career Center
- Indiana Academic Honors Diploma
- Distance Learning
- Cadet teaching program
- Project Lead the Way Science program
- 4 years of French, Spanish, German, Latin and Japanese
- 5 years of math and science
- Full Tech Prep program
- Freshman academy program
- Online Media Center
- Televised daily announcements
- Project XL State Champion



Blazer facts...

- The first graduating class - 1872
- Nick name: Blue Blazers
- Colors: Navy blue and White
- Population: 1,800, grades 9 - 12
- 113 Certified teachers, 6 Administrators, 5 Guidance Counselors
- 74% of staff have their Master's Degrees and many have studied abroad in Japan, Latin America or Europe. Over 20% have taught on the collegiate level or worked on research at the University of Notre Dame... 3% are Doctoral Candidates
- 112 classrooms, 13 computer labs, 14 science labs, 3 lecture halls, 6 hybrid classrooms w/computer labs and an online Media Center
- Smartboard technology in all Math classrooms
- READ 180 and PLATO labs
- Two 90-day semesters per year
- Seven 50-minute class periods per day

A Word About Scholarships

The Elkhart Central graduating classes have consistently earned more than **one million dollars** in scholarships each year. Including monies from the universities and colleges. Furthermore, many students received scholarships from our own Dollars For Scholars (DFS) chapter. The ECHS DFS chapter raises money for scholarships to be given to our graduating seniors.

Because... Elkhart Central High School has a comprehensive, state-of-the-art curriculum. Students have a wide selection of courses from which to choose in order to prepare for postsecondary institutions, vocational training, and "on-the-job" employment. All students complete a four-year planning guide. Students are required to complete 40 credits for the Standard Diploma and 47 credits for the Indiana Academic Honors Diploma.

Because... We're very proud that over 60% of the graduating seniors took the SAT and over 81% of our graduates go on to further their academic careers at institutions of higher learning.

Because... We warmly invite and welcome parents and patrons to visit our school. We are very proud of our facility, our curriculum, our faculty and staff, and especially our student body.

Our Motto

Knowledge is Power.

The Vision

Elkhart Central High School is a place where all feel safe, welcome and aspire to learn, find their niche and pursue their dreams.

Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities

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| Athletics | National Honor Society |
| Blazer Brigade Marching Band | Newsmagazine |
| Blazer Chorale | Ninth Grade Women's Choir |
| Blazer Communications | Pep Band |
| Blue Fusion Dance Team | Project XL |
| Business Professionals of America | Quiz Bowl |
| C.H.A.M.P. (Central High Activities for Motivated People) | Robotics Club |
| Chamber Orchestra | Scholastic Art Awards |
| Chess Club | Science Olympiad |
| Class Council for Each Grade (9-12) | Shades of Blue |
| Code Blue Step Team | Ski Club |
| Concert Band | Society for a Better Earth |
| Concert Choir | Spanish Scrabble Club |
| Drama Club | Speech and Debate Team |
| Fellowship of Christian Athletes | Spell Bowl (I.A.C.E.) |
| FOCUS (Females on Course United for Success) | Student Council |
| German Club | Students for Diversity & Unity |
| High Achievers | Superintendent's Student Advisory Council |
| Indiana Academic Super Bowl (I.A.C.E.) | Symphonic Band |
| International Club | Symphony Orchestra |
| Jazz Ensemble | Varsity Band |
| Key Club | Yearbook |
| Math Club/Indiana Math League | Youth Art in Elkhart |
| Men's Choir | |

Elkhart Central High School is a member of class 4A (5A for football) in the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) and the Northern Indiana Conference (NIC). We offer 22 competitive athletic teams for male and female students. A few examples of Blazer athletic success this past year include:

- Girls Gymnastics completed a perfect season 10-0, State Sectional champions
- Boys Soccer, 2010 State Sectional Champions, 2006 State Runners Up
- Girls Golf, Regional qualifier
- Boys Track, State Finalists
- Girls Swimming, holds the longest state consecutive winning record at 234 wins.



- Fall Sports
- Cheerleading
 - Football
 - Golf-Girls
 - Tennis-Boys
 - Soccer-Boys
 - Soccer-Girls
 - Volleyball
 - X-Country-Boys
 - X-Country-Girls

- Winter Sports
- Basketball-Boys
 - Basketball-Girls
 - Cheerleading
 - Gymnastics
 - Swimming-Boys
 - Swimming-Girls
 - Wrestling



- Spring Sports
- Baseball
 - Golf-Boys
 - Softball
 - Tennis-Girls
 - Track-Boys
 - Track-Girls



Mental Attitude Award Winners

Photos by Nico Valentini

Music

Nearly 40% of Central's student body are regularly enrolled in music courses. Elkhart Central has an excellent, well-rounded music department with course offerings for the performer and the non-performer alike. Participating in music related programs helps to build discipline and responsibility. Studies have shown that students involved in music also score higher on standardized tests.



The Elkhart Central High School Orchestras and Choirs have again received the Indiana State School Music Association's All-Music Award by meeting specific criteria throughout the school year. These ECHS groups have received the award all eight years the award has been given.



Robotics

This is the FIRST ElLogics Robotics Club at the three day competition at Purdue University. Adult mentors help the team design and build a new robot in six weeks starting in January. The goal of the organization is to inspire students to pursue science, math, and technology and teach teamwork and leadership skills for the future. There are over 1900 FIRST teams that compete each season.

Art Outreach



A vision of Central Art teachers and the Elkhart Chamber, the "Elkhart Community Art Reach" program is an idea to have students bring art to the community in a constructive way. They decided to paint a large, historical mural on one of the buildings along downtown Main Street.

Elkhart Central High School



- Principal Mr. Frank Serge
- Assistant Principals Mrs. Kelly Berheide
- Mr. Phil Stillson
- Mr. Dan Swygart
- Academic Dean Mr. Jason Grasty
- Athletic Director Mr. Brian "Buck" Buckley



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