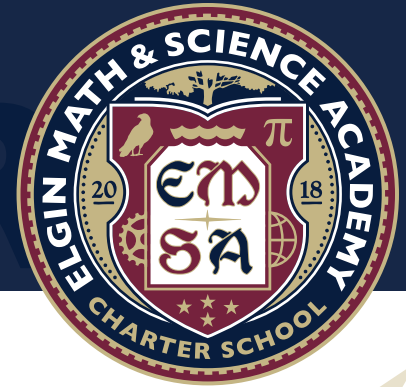


2018/2019 FAST FACTS.

The Elgin Math and Science Academy Charter School serves students in the 90 square mile radius of District U-46. *We currently have students represented from every town that feeds into U-46.*



The Basics

School hours: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. / 179 student attendance days.

After school care 3 p.m – 6:30 p.m. with the Boys and Girls Club of Elgin.

- Busing available.
- Breakfast and hot lunches served.
- Located on a forest preserve.

Teacher to student ratio is 1:13

with a Teacher and Teacher's Assistant in each class.

- 2018/19: Kindergarten – 3rd grade, 2019/20: Kindergarten – 4th grade.
- Grade levels will expand up to 8th grade in upcoming years.
- Each grade level has 2 sections with 26 students per classroom.

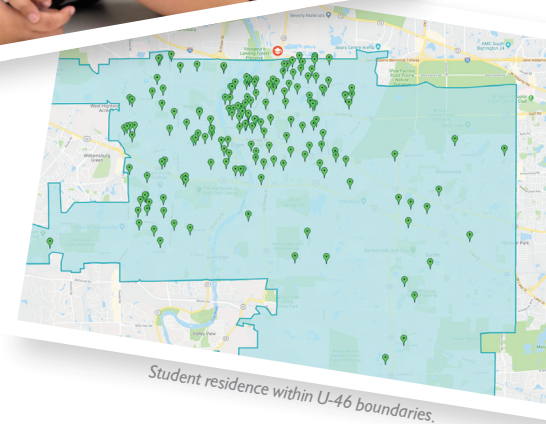


Curriculum & Culture

EMSA is an “EL Education” network school .

Our mentor school is the award winning Polaris Charter Academy in Chicago.

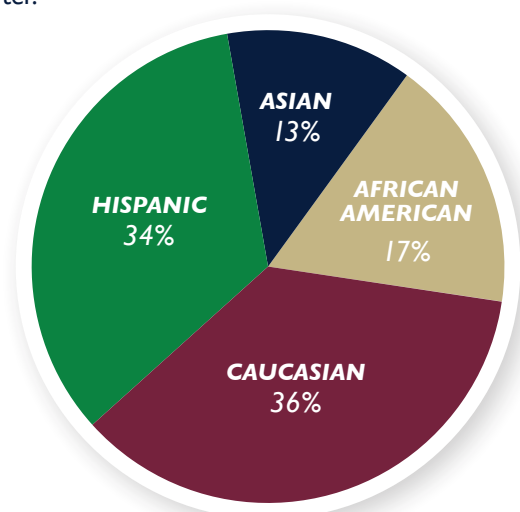
- **3 Dimensions of Student Achievement:** Character, High Quality Work, and Mastery of Knowledge and Skills.
- **Habits of Scholarship:** Respect, Responsibility, Courage and Creativity.
- **English Language Arts Curriculum is top rated** by educational reports.
- **Eureka Math** curriculum.
- Art, music, and PE are provided.
- English Learner and Bilingual programming: *offered as co-taught, within the classroom and inclusive.*
- **Crew:** 30 minutes each day dedicated to social/emotional curriculum.
- Students engage in **Celebrations of Learning** each quarter.
- Students participate in **Better World Day** each May by doing service projects to better our community.



Community & Diversity

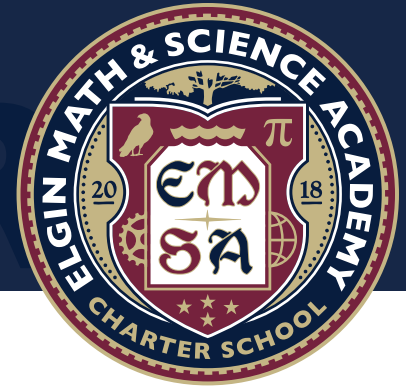
* Illinois State Board of Education demographic study according to family self-identification.

- 13 languages represented in our student population.
- 21% of students are English Learners.
- 12% of students receive Special Education Services.
- 1% homeless students.
- 47% of students qualify for free and reduced lunch.



2018/2019 FAST FACTS.

Our MISSION is for students and teachers to reach their highest potential through active exploratory learning and social responsibility.



FRIDAY FIELD STUDIES

On select Fridays, students are released from their usual school day at 1:30pm. From 1:30pm to 3:00pm, EMSA students will engage in an outdoor environmental education on EMSA's campus which will be led by naturalists and field experts.

ENGLISH LEARNER SERVICES

EMSA supports English Learners through an inclusive program that gives students language supports while still allowing them to interact with all peers. At EMSA, we see being multilingual as an asset and we empower students to maintain their native language and take pride in their heritage. EMSA supports our bilingual community additionally with our Multilingual Parent Association Crew (MPAC) which meets monthly.

CREW

Daily students meet in their classrooms in "crew" which a place where all students are greeted and acknowledged. Students do readings and initiatives that correlate with learning about our Habits of Scholarship or problem solving issues in the classroom, school, or world! Community Crew happens each week with the same agenda but as a whole school. Additionally we have a Culture crew component in each Community Crew that highlights something happening in the many cultures that our students belong to.

EL EDUCATION NETWORK SCHOOL

EMSA is a part of a larger network of Expeditionary Learning (EL) Education schools. These schools participate in field work and bring curriculum alive through community centered projects and outreach. Hands on learning is key to EL schools. Additionally, these schools seek to educate the whole child. EL schools hold three key components at the center of student achievement: high quality work, mastery of knowledge and skills, and character.

FINANCIALS

EMSA operates on a fiscal year from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. After completing our first six (6) months, EMSA is pleased to report that the school is in excellent financial condition and expecting to complete our first year under budget with cash reserves available going into our second year. EMSA's Board of Directors is working diligently to plan for future growth with new classrooms and other facilities to be added to accommodate our growing student population over the next several years.

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The Elgin Math & Science Academy Charter School is a nonprofit 501(c)(3).



TESTIMONIALS

"They (*the habits of scholarship*) are important because they help us learn and be nice to our friends."

~ EMSA student

"Crew is family, it is everyone we love and friends."

~ EMSA student

"I didn't know I was capable of doing this kind of work!"

~ kindergarten student

"The first graders were so wonderful, their creativity is insane! I told them they needed to let their creativity run wild — I am so impressed!"

~ third grade student

"To create high quality work, you have to persevere."

~ EMSA student

"You know you have learned it when you dive, get stuck and push through."

~ EMSA student

"... (*My son*) is doing so well. So much better than at his previous school. I can tell he is really flourishing and as a parent that makes my heart happy. I really love that you all are so inviting even when we had some difficulties. I can't say enough about Ms. Beavers and Mrs. Carbajal. They have been amazing with Ben. The care and patience they take with him makes it so much easier for me to drop him off into their capable hands. I am so proud of how he is being more honest when he has done wrong. I also feel that he benefits from the refuel and recharge that happens. Thank You again for going above and beyond..."

~ Angie, EMSA parent

"Class instruction follows a well-defined and clearly articulated scope and sequence that is standards aligned and measured by appropriate and rigorous formative assessments. Further, the school provides a project oriented learning experience such that students engage in authentic learning practices."

~ Illinois Charter School Commission

