



## DEXTER SOUTHFIELD

*“Our Best Today, Better Tomorrow”*

### School Profile 2019-2020

#### The School

- An independent, college preparatory day school serving 900 students in Pre-kindergarten through Class 12.
- Dexter School (founded in 1926) and Southfield School (founded in 1992) merged in 2013. Today, Dexter Southfield offers single-sex education in the Lower School (Pre-K-Class 5); coordinate single-sex programs in the Middle School (Classes 6-8); and co-education with single-sex program features in the Upper School (Classes 9–12).
- The Upper School has hosted coed graduations since 2018.
- The Upper School enrolls 325 students from 69 communities in eastern Massachusetts.
- At Dexter Southfield, students develop their individual talents and build an ethical foundation for life. Students learn to lead with confidence and serve with compassion.
- An \$18 million building project including the new Kraft Fieldhouse, turf field and renovated baseball and softball fields was completed in 2018.

#### Academics

- A rigorous liberal arts curriculum with a commitment to character development, leadership, critical thinking, and creativity
- Standard course load: Five classes
- Before 2018, honors courses were seldom available to Class 9 & 10 students
- Class 11 students: Advised to enroll in no more than two AP courses

#### Graduation Requirements

- English 4 years
- Lab Sciences 2 years (*Note: All science courses are lab sciences*)
- Math 3 years (with Algebra II)
- History 2 years (with US History)
- Language 3 levels
- Fine Arts 2 semesters
- Performing Arts 2 semesters
- Ethics 1 semester
- **Public Speaking** – Students learn to speak and write effectively by preparing and delivering a public address to fellow students, faculty, and administrators once a year.
- **Ethics and Community Service** – Class 9 students enroll in a one-semester Ethics course. All students must complete at least 40 hours of community service prior to graduation.
- **Senior Projects Program** – In May, seniors explore passions or new areas of interest through a real-world experience. Students are required to complete 120 hours off-campus, reflect about their experience, and present to a panel of their peers and faculty to showcase their culmination of work.

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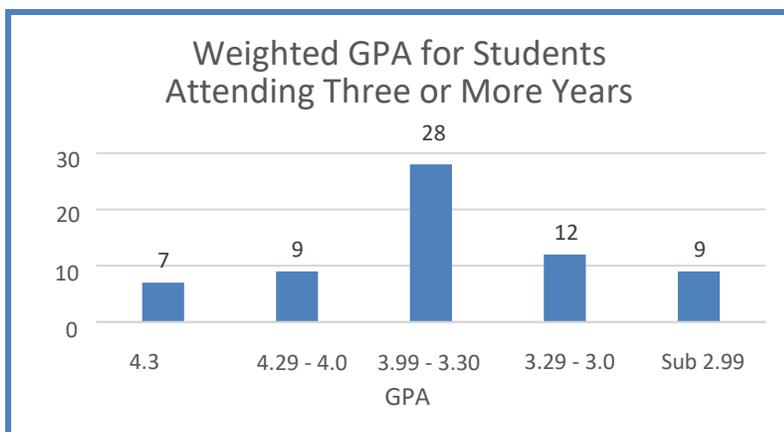
**School Memberships & Accreditation:**  
 NAIS, AISNE, NACAC, BISCCA, ACCIS New  
 England Association of Schools and Colleges

#### 2019-2020 Fast Facts

- 77 seniors**
- Highest weighted GPA for the Class of 2020: 4.80**
- 17 AP courses**
- 28 Honors courses**
- 100% of students matriculate to four-year colleges**
- Students are not ranked**
- The school does not disclose student discipline to colleges unless the school decides that a student’s standing at Dexter Southfield is in doubt because of his or her actions.**

**GPA Grading Scale:** A student's cumulative weighted GPA is inclusive of all grades earned through the last completed school year.

LETTER GRADE	NUMBER VALUE	LETTER GRADE	NUMBER VALUE
A+	(4.30+)	C+	(2.30-2.69)
A	(4.00-4.29)	C	(2.00-2.29)
A-	(3.70-3.99)	C-	(1.70-1.99)
B+	(3.30-3.69)	D+	(1.30-1.69)
B	(3.00-3.29)	D	(1.00-1.29)
B-	(2.70-2.99)	D-	(0.70-0.99)



**Note:** *The end-of-year GPA is given one additional point for Honors and AP Courses. Individual grades are not weighted.*

**Academic Honors:** Students who achieve an average grade of B+ (with no grade lower than a B-) for their courses

**High Academic Honors:** Students who achieve an average grade of A- or above (with no grade lower than a B-) for their courses will receive the distinction of Academic High Honors.

### **Signature Programs**

**MEDscience Honors:** MEDscience combines hands-on clinical cases and classroom lessons. Students travel to Harvard Medical School weekly and participate in ER-simulated case studies. Entry to the program is competitive for Class 12 students.

**Museum of Fine Arts Boston Docent Program:** Students in Classes 10-12 who are interested in art may apply and interview for the Docent Training Program. After a series of training sessions at the Museum of Fine Arts, students are qualified to educate younger students and provide "insider" tours of art. Entry to the program is competitive.

### **Athletic Achievements**

**Collegiate Athletes:** 18 students from the Class of 2019 (26%) will play collegiate athletics

- 2018-2019 New England Prep School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) All-Stars: 12 boys, 8 girls
- 2018-2019 Postseason Play: 15 teams total

#### **Varsity Boys' Athletics:**

**Baseball:** Advanced to the finals of the Central New England Prep School Baseball League tournament

**Basketball:** Qualified for the NEPSAC Class B tournament

**Football:** 2018 NEPSAC Moose Curtis Bowl Champions (First bowl victory in school history)

**Hockey:** Qualified for the NEPSAC Elite 8 and advanced to the NEPSAC Semi-Final

**Rowing:** Qualified for the NEIRA championships

#### **Varsity Girls' Athletics:**

**Basketball:** Qualified for the NEPSAC Class C tournament

**Rowing:** Qualified for the NEIRA championships

**Girls' and Boys' Swim Team:** Qualified for the New England Division III Swimming Championship (Boys placed 6th overall; Girls placed 4th overall). The team broke 8 of 22 school records in winter 2019.

### **Visual and Performing Arts Achievements**

- **Scholastic Art Exhibition:** 10 students awarded
- **Small Independent School Art League:** 9 students selected in 2019 to exhibit work in the annual show, 1 student awarded "Best in Show"

## Academic Courses

ENGLISH	HISTORY	MATH	SCIENCE
Literary Study and Comp (9)	Ancient World History (9)	Algebra I	Biology
Literary Study (9)	<b>*Ancient World History Honors (9)</b>	Geometry	<b>*Biology Honors</b>
<b>*Literary Study Honors (9)</b>	Modern World History (10)	<b>Geometry Honors</b>	Biology Accelerated
Individual in Society (10)	<b>*Modern World History Honors (10)</b>	Geometry with Applications	Chemistry
<b>Individual in Society Honors (10)</b>	U. S. History (11)	Algebra II	<b>Chemistry Honors</b>
American Literature (11)	U. S. History 2	<b>Algebra II Honors</b>	Chemistry Accelerated
<b>AP English Language (11)</b>	<b>AP U.S. History (11)</b>	Algebra II with Applications	Physics Accelerated
<b>AP English Literature (11)</b>	<b>AP U.S. Government &amp; Politics</b>	<b>Pre-Calculus Honors</b>	<b>Physics Honors</b>
Senior Literature and Comp (12)	<b>AP Economics</b>	Pre-Calculus with Applications	<b>AP Physics 1</b>
Rise of British Gothic Novel (12)	<b>Constitutional Law Honors (12)</b>	<b>Calculus Honors</b>	<b>AP Biology</b>
Literature and Social Justice (12)	Modern Conflicts (12)	<b>AP Statistics</b>	<b>AP Chemistry</b>
Creative Writing (12)	History of Boston (12)	<b>AP Calculus AB</b>	Environmental Science
Shakespearean Comedies	Women in American History	<b>AP Calculus BC</b>	Forensic Science
Production Journalism	Psychology	Statistics	Marine Biology
<b>Ethical Philosophy Honors Sem</b>	<b>AP Art History</b>	Discrete Math	Astronomy
British Literature		Problem Solving	<b>MEDscience Honors</b>
		Programming	<b>Neuroscience Honors</b>
		<b>AP Computer Science</b>	<b>MEDscience Lab Honors</b>
			STEM: Maker Lab
			STEM: Mythbusters
			STEM: Engineering Design
			STEM: Principles of Engineering
			STEM: 3-D Design
CLASSICS	SPANISH	FRENCH	ETHICS
Latin I	Spanish I	French I	Ethics (9)
Latin II	Spanish II	French II	
<b>Latin II Honors</b>	<b>Spanish II Honors</b>	<b>French II Honors</b>	
Latin III	Spanish III	French III	
<b>Latin III Honors</b>	<b>Spanish III Honors</b>	<b>French III Honors</b>	
<b>Latin Literature Honors I</b>	Spanish IV	<b>French IV Honors</b>	
<b>AP Latin</b>	<b>Spanish IV Honors</b>	<b>AP French Language</b>	
<b>Latin Literature Honors II (post AP)</b>	<b>AP Spanish Language</b>	<b>French V Honors</b>	
History of Greco-Roman Myth in Art	<b>Spanish V Honors</b>		
History of Rome through Arch			
VISUAL ARTS	PERFORMING ARTS		
Art I	Music Appreciation		
Drawing	Theater/Acting I		
Painting	Ukelele		
<b>Advanced Studio Art</b>	Chorus		
<b>Portfolio Preparation</b>	Jazz Ensemble		
Digital Photography			
Digital Photography II			
Watercolor			
Printmaking			
Sculpture			

**Bolded Courses: Honors or AP**

**\* Course was not available for students in the Class of 2020**



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**2015-2019: Sample of College Acceptances (not bolded) and Matriculations (bolded)**

American University	Ithaca College	Tulane University
Amherst College	Kenyon College	Union College
Babson College	Lafayette College	United States Military Academy
Bard College	Lehigh University	University of Alabama
Bates College	Lewis & Clark College	University of California, Davis
Baylor University	Loyola Marymount University	University of California, Irvine
Bentley University	Marist College	University of California, Los Angeles
Boston College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of California, San Diego
Boston University	McGill University	University of California, Santa Barbara
Bowdoin College	Miami University	University of Colorado, Boulder
Brandeis University	Mount Holyoke College	University of Connecticut
Bucknell University	New York University	University of Georgia
Carleton University	Northeastern University	University of Kentucky
Carnegie Mellon University	Northwestern University	University of Maine
Case Western Reserve University	Occidental College	University of Maryland, College Park
Catholic University of America	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Chapman University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Miami
Colby College	Princeton University	University of Michigan
Colgate University	Providence College	University of New Hampshire
College of Charleston	Purdue University	University of Notre Dame
College of the Holy Cross	Quinnipiac University	University of Pennsylvania
Connecticut College	Reed College	University of Richmond
Cornell University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of San Francisco
Dartmouth College	Rhodes College	University of South Carolina
Davidson College	Rice University	University of Southern California
Denison University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of St Andrews
Dickinson College	Rollins College	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Drexel University	Saint Anselm College	University of Texas, Austin
Duke University	Santa Clara University	University of Toronto
Elon University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Vermont
Emory University	Sewanee: University of the South	University of Virginia
Fairfield University	Simmons University	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Fordham University	Skidmore College	Vanderbilt University
Franklin & Marshall College	Smith College	Villanova University
Furman University	Southern Methodist University	Virginia Tech
Georgetown University	St. Lawrence University	Wake Forest University
George Washington University	Suffolk University	Washington and Lee University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Syracuse University	Washington University in St. Louis
Gettysburg College	Texas Christian University	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Harvard College	Trinity College	Wesleyan University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Tufts University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
		Yale University