



Using School Facilities During School Days

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DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Dexter Community,

Dexter Community Schools prides itself as a true "community" school district. We build and maintain facilities with the intention that our community will utilize the spaces outside of school hours. We are fortunate to have such wonderful community support and take tremendous pride in the school district defining the boundaries of the Dexter community.

That being said, we're having some issues with community use of our facilities while school is in session. Just in the past week, we've had increased difficulty with community members who refuse to leave our facilities where our students and classes are trying to use the spaces.

This includes running on the Al Ritt track when classes are going out to the facility. Community members parking in school parking lots to utilize other spaces during school hours. Community members walking their dogs on our playgrounds or fields, while students are in session or using the space. These are school facilities with a primary function for student use during the school day.

We ask that our community members refrain from walking their dogs on our playgrounds and fields, especially when students are in session. Please do not allow your dog to defecate on our playgrounds or fields at any time. Also, do not take your dogs on turf fields as urinating on turf is unsanitary for our student-athletes. This continual behavior is unsanitary and extremely disrespectful.

If you want to use the track at Al Ritt Stadium or the tennis courts, please try to avoid times when students are in session. If you utilize the facility when students are in session and are asked to leave so classes can come out there and you refuse, this is a major security concern and we expect more from our community members to help us protect our kids. If you are using one of our outdoor facilities and one of our teams or events are in session, please be respectful when asked to leave so our kids can practice or play their game.

As always, running or walking on the sidewalks during the school day is fine. We ask that you please be conscious that our primary function is to serve kids during the school day. We currently have students in session on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays between 9-2. This is much less than previous years due to the pandemic. Please be respectful and help us protect the safety of our students and the access to the facilities that were built for their use first.

As always, if you would like to rent a facility or space, please contact our Community Education office.

Thank you for your continued support and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, EdD

Superintendent