



# DEXTER SOUTHFIELD

*“Our Best Today, Better Tomorrow”*

## School Profile 2020-2021

### The School:

- An independent, college preparatory day school serving 969 students in Pre-kindergarten through Class 12.
- Dexter School (founded in 1926) and Southfield School (founded in 1992) merged in 2013. Dexter Southfield consists of three divisions—lower, middle, and upper. Single-sex education is offered in the Lower School and Middle School (Pre-K-Class 8) and co-education with single-sex program features in the Upper School (Classes 9–12).
- The Upper School enrolls 359 students from approximately 78 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.

### COVID-19 Considerations:

**Spring 2020:** Dexter Southfield students transitioned to a robust remote learning program from March 30-May 29, 2020. Students attended synchronous classes and faculty continued to assess and grade remotely. No changes were made to the grading policy. All spring athletics and extracurricular activities were cancelled.

**Fall 2020:** For the 2020-2021 academic year, Dexter Southfield opened on August 27, 2020 for traditional in-person instruction five days per week. Distance learning is available on a case-by-case basis following medical approval by the health office.

### Academics:

- A rigorous liberal arts curriculum with a commitment to character development, leadership, critical thinking, and creativity
- Standard course load: 5 classes

*Note: Before 2018-2019, honors courses were seldom available to Class 9 & 10 students.*

### Graduation Requirements:

English	4 years
Lab Science	3 years
Math	3 years (with Algebra II)
History	3 years (with US History)
Language	3 levels
Visual & Performing Arts	3 semesters
Ethics 9	1 semester (Class 9)

**Public Speaking** – Students learn to speak and write effectively by preparing and delivering an annual public address to fellow students, faculty, and administrators.

**Community Service** – All students must complete at least 40 hours of community service prior to graduation.

**Senior Independent Learning Experience** – In May, seniors explore passions or new areas of interest through a real-world experience. Students are required to complete 120 hours of supervised activity, reflect about their experience, and present to a panel of their peers and faculty to showcase their culmination of work.

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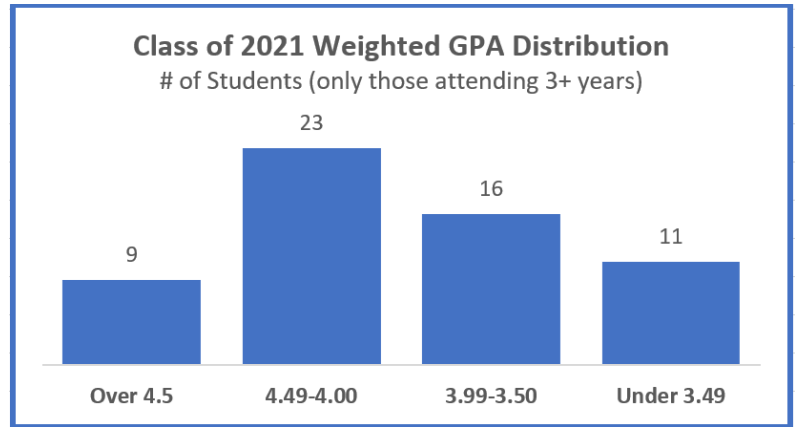
**School Memberships & Accreditation:**  
NAIS, AISNE, NACAC, BISCCA, ACCIS New  
England Association of Schools and Colleges

### **2020-2021 Fast Facts**

- ✓ 76 seniors
- ✓ Highest weighted GPA for the Class of 2021: 4.94
- ✓ 17 AP courses
- ✓ 37 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 unweighted GPA is inclusive of all grades earned through the last completed school year. *The end-of-year GPA is given one additional point for Honors and AP courses. Individual grades are not weighted.*

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)



- **Academic Honors:** Students who earn a weighted GPA of 3.7 (A-) or above and have no grade lower than a B- for their courses.
- **Academic High Honors:** Students who earn a weighted GPA of 3.7 (A-) or above and have no grade lower than an A- for their courses.
- Honors and High Honors distinctions are awarded at the end of Semester I, Semester II, and the year.

### **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.

### **Recognition:**

#### **Athletic Achievements**

**Collegiate Athletes:** 34 students from the Class of 2020 (44%) will play collegiate athletics

- 2019-2020 New England Prep School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) All-Stars: 8 boys, 6 girls
- 2019-2020 Postseason Play: 11 teams total

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

- Baseball: 2020 Massachusetts Gatorade Baseball Player of the Year
- Football: 2019 NEPSAC Dave Coratti Bowl Finalist
- Hockey: Qualified for the NEPSAC Elite 8 and advanced to the NEPSAC Final

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

- Basketball: Qualified for the NEPSAC Class C tournament and advanced to NEPSAC finals
- Soccer: Qualified for the NEPSAC Class C tournament and advanced to NEPSAC semi-finals
- Volleyball: Qualified for the NEPSAC Class C tournament (first time in tournament)

Girls' and Boys' Cross Country Team: Qualified for the New England Division IV Championships (Boys trophy; Girls placed 2nd overall)

Girls' and Boys' Swim Team: Qualified for the New England Division III Swimming Championship (Boys placed 6th overall; Girls placed 6th overall). The team broke 8 of 22 school records in winter 2020.

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

- Scholastic Art Exhibition: 9 students awarded honorable mention or silver keys
- Crescendo International Piano Competition: 1 student awarded first place

<b>Academic Courses</b>	<b>Bolded Courses: Honors or AP</b>	<b>*Course not available to students in Class of 2021</b>	
<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>HISTORY</b>	<b>MATH</b>	<b>SCIENCE</b>
Writing Concepts (9)	Ancient World History (9)	Mathematics Concepts	Biology
Literary Study and Composition (9)	<b>*Ancient World History Honors (9)</b>	Algebra/Geometry	<b>*Biology Honors</b>
Literary Study (9)	Modern World History I (10)	Geometry	Biology Accelerated
<b>*Literary Study Honors (9)</b>	<b>*Modern World History I Honors (10)</b>	<b>Geometry Honors</b>	Chemistry
Individual in Society and Composition (10)	Modern World History II	Geometry with Applications	<b>Chemistry Honors</b>
Individual in Society (10)	<b>*Modern World History II Honors</b>	Algebra II	Chemistry Accelerated
<b>Individual in Society Honors (10)</b>	U. S. History (11)	<b>Algebra II Honors</b>	Physics Accelerated
American Literature (11)	<b>*U. S. History Honors (11)</b>	Algebra II with Applications	<b>Physics Honors</b>
<b>*American Literature Honors (11)</b>	<b>AP U.S. History</b>	<b>Pre-Calculus Honors</b>	<b>AP Physics</b>
<b>AP English Language and Composition (11)</b>	<b>AP U.S. Government and Politics</b>	Pre-Calculus with Applications	<b>AP Biology</b>
<b>AP English Literature and Composition (11)</b>	<b>AP Economics</b>	<b>AP Statistics</b>	<b>AP Chemistry</b>
Production Journalism	<b>Constitutional Law Honors</b>	<b>AP Calculus AB</b>	Environmental Science
<b>Ethical Philosophy Honors Seminar</b>	Modern Conflicts	<b>AP Calculus BC</b>	Forensics and Cyber Crimes
Introduction to Film Studies	Psychology	Statistics I	<b>Advanced Astronomy Honors</b>
<b>Modernism: A Culture Honors</b>	History of Social Justice	Statistics II	Marine Biology
Legendarium	<b>AP Art History</b>	Discrete Math	<b>MEDscience Honors</b>
<b>Rise of Gothic and Horror in Literature Honors</b>		<b>Calculus I Honors</b>	<b>MEDscience LAB Honors</b>
Creative Writing: Short Stories		<b>Calculus II Honors</b>	Nutritional Science
Sports Literature		<b>Advanced Math Topics Honors</b>	<b>Zoology Honors</b>
Truth and Memory		Problem Solving	STEM: Engineering Design
		<b>AP Computer Science Principles</b>	STEM: Digital Electronics
			STEM: Coding for Apps
<b>CLASSICS</b>	<b>SPANISH</b>	<b>FRENCH</b>	<b>VISUAL ARTS</b>
Latin I	Spanish I	French I	Art I: Visual Communication
Latin II	Spanish II	French II	Drawing
<b>Latin II Honors</b>	<b>Spanish II Honors</b>	<b>French II Honors</b>	Painting
Latin III	Spanish III	French III	<b>AP Studio Art</b>
<b>Latin III Honors</b>	<b>Spanish III Honors</b>	<b>French III Honors</b>	<b>Advanced Studio Art Honors</b>
<b>Latin Literature Honors I</b>	Spanish IV	<b>French IV Honors</b>	Digital Photography
<b>Latin Literature Honors II (post AP)</b>	<b>Spanish IV Honors</b>	<b>AP French Language and Culture</b>	Watercolor
History of Rome through Architecture	<b>AP Spanish Language and Culture</b>	<b>French V Honors</b>	Printmaking
	<b>Spanish V Honors</b>	World Cultures	Sculpture
<b>PERFORMING ARTS</b>	<b>ETHICS</b>		
Music Appreciation	Ethics 9		
Theatre/Acting I			
Ukulele			
Jazz Ensemble			
<b>AP Music Theory</b>			



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### **5 Year Matriculation List**

Dexter Southfield students have matriculated to the following colleges and universities over the last five years (2016-2020).

#### ***Three or more students have enrolled at:***

American University  
Babson College  
Bentley University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Catholic University of America  
College of Charleston  
Colby College  
Colgate University  
College of the Holy Cross  
Elon University  
Georgetown University  
Harvard College  
Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
Kenyon College  
Lehigh University  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Providence College  
Quinnipiac University  
Saint Anselm College  
Santa Clara University  
St. Lawrence University  
Syracuse University  
Trinity College  
Tufts University  
Tulane University  
Union College  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
University of Massachusetts, Boston  
University of Miami  
University of New Hampshire  
University of Vermont  
Wake Forest University

#### ***Two students have enrolled at:***

Bard College  
Bryant University

Bucknell University  
Clemson University  
Dartmouth College  
Fairfield University  
George Washington University  
Merrimack College  
Miami University  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhodes College  
Rollins College  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Skidmore College  
Texas Christian University  
The Citadel  
The University of Alabama  
United States Military Academy  
University of Connecticut  
University of Michigan  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Virginia  
Villanova University  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

#### ***Students have also enrolled at:***

Amherst College  
Assumption University  
Bates College  
Baylor University  
Belmont University  
Bowdoin College  
Brandeis University  
Brown University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Clark University  
Colorado College  
Connecticut College  
Cornell University  
Dickinson College  
Drexel University  
East Carolina University  
Fordham University  
Franklin and Marshall College  
Franklin Pierce University  
Furman University  
Gettysburg College  
Hamilton College

High Point University  
King's College London  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University Maryland  
Marist College  
MIT  
Michigan State University  
Monmouth University  
Mount Holyoke College  
Murray State University  
Northwestern University  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Old Dominion University  
Princeton University  
Purdue University  
Reed College  
Rice University  
Roger Williams University  
Ryerson University  
Sacred Heart University  
Saint Michael's College  
Simmons University  
Southern New Hampshire University  
Stetson University  
Stevenson University  
Suffolk University  
Temple University  
University at Albany, SUNY  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Denver  
University of Limerick  
University of Maine  
University of Maryland  
University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth  
University of Massachusetts, Lowell  
University of South Carolina  
University of Southern California  
University of St. Andrews  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
University of Toronto  
Wagner College  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Wesleyan University  
Yale University